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Above: Co-pilot 1st Lt. Rob Garrison looks over his checklist Tuesday prior to a KC-135 Stratotanker refueling mission at Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany. Garrison and airmen from the 186th Air Refueling Wing, 153 Air Refueling Squadron, out of Meridian, Miss., are temporarily flying missions from Rhein-Main as the runway in Incirlik, Turkey, is repaired.

Center: The KC-135's boom makes contact with an Iraq-bound C-17 Globemaster III as refueling begins. Far left: Air Force Master Sgt. Glenn Hancock lines up the boom during the refueling over the Black Sea.

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Brain-damaged woman: The parents of a brain-damaged Tampa, Fla., woman at the center of a right-to-die case said Tuesday that recent statements by Pope John Paul II are proof that their daughter would choose to live in her current condition.

Based on the pope's stated position that people in vegetative states still have the right to nutrition and health care, an attorney for Bob and Mary Schindler filed papers asking a judge to end efforts by Terri Schiavo's husband to end her life.

"Terri wants to live," said Pat Anderson, the Schindlers' attorney. "Terri wants to do what the pope has instructed her to do, which is basically what God has instructed her to do."

McDonald's game scam: A Jacksonville, Fla., appeals court has thrown out the convictions of four men found guilty in a multi-million-dollar scheme to cash in on stolen winning tickets in McDonald's promotional games such as "Monopoly" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found "a complete failure of proof" on the conspiracy charge and concluded the men were convicted of a conspiracy that they were not charged with.

The decision means that George Chandler, Jerome Pearl, John Henderson and Kenneth Whitefield cannot be retried, and restitution orders totaling up to \$786,500 each are rescinded. Most recently, Jerome Jacobson was sentenced to three years in prison and was not covered by the appeal.

Economic recovery: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Wednesday that President Bush's three rounds of tax cuts prevented a severe recession and helped spark the current economic recovery.

But he warned that Congress must pay attention to the long-term consequences of its spending and tax decisions in order to keep rising budget deficits from harming the country's growth potential.

Peterson murder trial: Prosecutors in Scott Peterson's murder trial are again portraying the former fertilizer salesman as a lying philanderer who didn't act the part of a grieving husband after his pregnant wife, Laci, vanished.

Modesto police Detective Richard House testified Tuesday in Redwood City, Calif., that Peterson rented a private mailbox on Dec. 23, 2002, a day before he reported Laci missing. On Jan. 9, 2003, House said, Peterson received a letter to the mailbox from his mistress, Amber Frey.

Prosecutors allege the affair was the motive for the slaying.

Escaped tiger shooting: The Loxahatchee, Fla., agency responsible for fatally shooting an escaped 600-pound tiger has received at least five death threats and is urging some employees to wear street clothes instead of uniforms.

The directive Tuesday came a week after an officer with the state Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission shot Bobo the tiger when the big cat lunged at him during a hunt that lasted 26 hours.

The shooting set off a public outcry, including criticism from the tiger's owner, former Tarzan actor Steve Sipek.



Asia flooding: Women board a small boat as others waded through a flooded street near Gauhati, India, on Wednesday. Officials in India's remote northeast put the army on alert after flood waters reached the outer suburbs of Gauhati. Some 535 people have been killed in South Asia by floods, electrocution and waterborne diseases since the rains began.

World

Fiji coup trials: A group of 21 Fiji army troops were convicted Wednesday for their parts in a mutiny in 2000 that left eight soldiers dead in gun battles at the nation's main military base.

The mutineers aimed to kill the armed forces chief, Commodore Frank Bainimarama, and bring down the South Pacific nation's interim government in the aftermath of a nationalist coup that toppled the country's first ethnic Indian-led government.

The plotters at the Queen Elizabeth barracks, some key members of the army's elite counter-terror unit, wanted to replace the interim government with an ethnic Fijian nationalist regime — and free coup leader George Speight from prison.

Bainimarama was warned of the impending mutiny and fled from the base on the outskirts of the capital, Suva, as the plotters attacked his headquarters.

Fischer's detainment: Former world chess champion Bobby Fischer has appealed Japanese plans to deport him to the United States and hopes to find political asylum in a third country, a friend said Wednesday.

Fischer was detained by Japanese immigration officials last week after trying to leave the country for the Philippines. Officials say his passport was invalid, and on Tuesday confirmed that he was being processed for deportation.

Fischer is wanted in the United States for playing a rematch against Soviet world champion Boris Spassky in Yugoslavia in 1992.

Yugoslavia was under international sanctions at the time, and U.S. citizens were banned from doing business there.

Fischer won the match and more than \$3 million in prize money.

Seminary porn scandal: A special Vatican inspector began his inquiry Wednesday into the discovery of a vast cache of child

pornography at a Vienna, Austria, seminary where candidates for the priesthood photographed themselves kissing and fondling each other.

Austrian Bishop Klaus Kueang was appointed Tuesday as Pope John Paul II's "apostolic visitor" to deal with a scandal that has deeply embarrassed the Roman Catholic Church. Kueang said he had already spoken with Kurt Krenn, the embattled churchman in charge of the seminary.

Kueang will report his findings directly to the pope.

Same-sex divorce: A lesbian couple is seeking what one of their lawyers believe is Canada's first same-sex divorce, a newspaper reported Wednesday.

The women, identified only as M.M. and J.H., were married on June 18, 2003, one week after the Ontario Court of Appeal legalized same-sex marriage. The Toronto Star reported.

The couple separated five days after the wedding, ending a five-year relationship. J.H.'s lawyer Julie Hannaford told the newspaper.

The petition, filed in the Superior Court of Justice last month, will add a new facet to the contentious legal debate over same-sex marriage. The Supreme Court of Canada is holding hearings on the legality of same-sex marriages in the fall.

Ukrainian mine fire: Emergency workers labored to extinguish a fire deep in a Ukrainian mine Wednesday, two days after an explosion killed 31 and left five missing. Nearby, distraught relatives clustered at the mine's entrance.

A massive methane and coal dust blast sparked the blaze Monday evening in Rodinsko as 48 miners were changing shifts at a coal face 3,180 feet below the surface. Twelve escaped unharmed.

Pakistan, India nuclear talks: Pakistani and Indian foreign ministers held " frank and "honest" discussions at a regional conference in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Wednesday, hoping to speed the pace of peace talks that have given new hope the nuclear-armed neighbors might permanently end decades of hostility.

Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri met his Indian counterpart, Natwar Singh, over breakfast at Islamabad's Marriott Hotel.

Stories and photos from wire services



Fischer

Correction

A story in Wednesday's editions on involuntary reclassifications for some soldiers should have said the Air Force needs to cut 22,000 airmen by Sept. 30, 2005.

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Militants take 6 hostages

Death toll for U.S. troops killed in Iraq hits 900

By RAVI NESSMAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A militant group said Wednesday that it had taken six more hostages — three Indians, two Kenyans and an Egyptian — and would behead them if their countries did not immediately announce the withdrawal of their citizens from Iraq.

The U.S. death toll since the start of the war rose to 900 when a roadside bomb killed a soldier.

The seizure of the hostages came a day after a Filipino truck driver was released in exchange for Manila's withdrawal of its 51-member troop contingent — a move criticized by Washington and other allies as encouraging more abductions.

Those fears seemed to be realized with the new kidnappings.

In a statement given to The Associated Press, the group, calling itself "The Holders of the Black Banners," said it had abducted the six truckers and would behead one of them every 72 hours starting at 8 p.m. Wednesday if their nations did not pull out of Iraq and the company they work for did not close its branch here.

"We have warned all the countries, companies, businessmen and truck drivers that those who deal with American covert occupiers will be targeted by the fires of the Mujahideen," the statement said. "Here you are once again transporting, goods, weapons and military equipment that backs the U.S. Army."

None of the countries are part of the 160,000-member coalition force in Iraq, however. Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi appealed last week to India and Egypt to join the coalition and send troops.

More than 60 foreigners have been taken hostage in Iraq in recent months.

Also on Wednesday, U.S. Marines, Japan and Bulgaria rejected threats of new attacks by militants if they don't pull their troops out of Iraq.

In violence Wednesday, a car bomb went off in eastern Baghdad, killing four people, witnesses said. New clashes between U.S. forces and insurgents in a residential area near the city of Ramadi killed five Iraqis and wounded 17 others, said Dr. Mohammed Ali of Ramadi emergency hospital. Some of the casualties occurred when a U.S. military helicopter attacked a building in the area near Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad.

The U.S. death toll as counted by The Associated Press reached 900 with the report by Maj. Neal O'Brien of the 1st Infantry Division, who said the bomb killed the American soldier shortly after midnight during a patrol in a Bradley fighting vehicle in Dulaiyah, 45 miles north of Baghdad.

On Tuesday, the military said two U.S. Marines and two U.S. soldiers were killed in Anbar Province, a Sunni-dominated area west of Baghdad. The Marines were killed in separate incidents while conducting "security operations"; one soldier was killed Monday, and a second died Monday of wounds.

Counts of the number of U.S. servicemen

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Tuesday, 893 U.S. servicemen have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 659 died as a result of hostile action and 234 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 60 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 755 U.S. servicemen have died, 550 as a result of hostile action and 205 of nonhostile causes.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 5,804 U.S. servicemen have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ Two Marines were killed in separate incidents Tuesday in Iraq's Anbar province.

■ Two soldiers died Monday. One was killed in Iraq's Anbar province; the second died of wounds.

killed in Iraq vary, with some already exceeding the 900 figure. The Pentagon's latest casualty update, released Tuesday before the five deaths, put the death toll at 893 servicemen, plus two civilian Defense Department employees.

The number of U.S. casualties has dropped considerably from its high point in April, when 135 troops were killed during the worst outbreak of anti-coalition violence since the end of major hostilities May 1, 2003. The drop in casualties to pre-April levels followed a Marine pullout from the city of Fallujah — the scene of heavy fighting — and a series of informal cease fires with Shiite militants who had sought U.S. forces in Baghdad and across central and southern Iraq.

But violent attacks have continued to rise against Iraqi officials and police, whom insurgents view as collaborators with U.S. forces.

A member of Baghdad's provincial council, Saheb al-Ka'abi, was injured in an assassination attempt, and he was in a stable condition, according to an official at Ibn al-Nafis Hospital, where al-Ka'abi was taken.

A roadside bomb hit an Iraqi police patrol early Wednesday in the Gharmata district of Kirkuk in the country's north, killing one police officer and injuring another, said police official Salhat Kadir.



Iraqi women walk past Iraqi army soldiers on patrol in Baghdad on Tuesday. The army's 2nd Battalion, trained in counter-insurgency operations, is the first unit to go into service with the new Iraqi army.



American Jonathan Keith Idema, 48, charged with running his own private prison and torture chamber in Kabul, is led by Afghan police to his trial Wednesday. Idema and two American subordinates, Edward Caraballo and Brett Bennett, were arrested when Afghan security forces raided a house in Kabul on July 5. American and Afghan officials say they were vigilantes posing as U.S. special forces and had no official backing.

Americans accused of torturing Afghan prisoners go on trial

By STEPHEN GRAHAM
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Three Americans went on trial Wednesday on charges they tortured eight prisoners in a private jail, with the group's leader saying he had tacit support from senior Pentagon officials who once offered to put his team under contract.

The U.S. military says the men were freelancers operating outside the law and without their knowledge.

Jonathan Idema, Brett Bennett and Edward Caraballo were arrested when Afghan security forces raided their makeshift jail in Kabul on July 5.

Standing before a three-judge panel in a heavily guarded national security court, the men listened quietly to the charges — including hostage-taking and "mental and physical torture."

Three of their former captives described being beaten, held under water and left without food.

The Americans didn't testify. But Idema said afterward that the abuse allegations were invented. He said his men had arrested "world-class terrorists" and said he was in daily telephone and e-mail contact with officials "at the highest level" of the U.S. Defense Department.

Idema named a Pentagon official who he said "applauded our efforts" and wanted to place the group under contract — a proposal they refused for fear it would limit their freedom to operate.

"The American authorities absolutely condoned what we did, they absolutely supported what we did," he told reporters crowding around the dock. "We have extensive evidence of that."

An official from the U.S. Embassy observed the trial but declined to comment on the proceedings, where only one of the Americans had a lawyer.

Afghan and U.S. officials have left open whether the men, who face up to 20 years in Afghan jails if convicted, might be sent to the United States to face charges.

Judge Abdul Basit Bakhtiyari asked the Americans for two weeks to give the three Americans and the four Afghans accused of helping them time to prepare their defense.

There was no attorney for Idema, a bearded former American soldier once convicted of fraud, who appeared in court in a khaki uniform with a reversed American flag on the shoulder.

Idema wore sunglasses in the courtroom, completing a look that once fooled even NATO peacekeepers, who sent explosives experts to help him with three raids before realizing they had been duped into thinking he was with U.S. special operations.

Idema, who is reportedly 48, told reporters his group had halted a plot to blow up the main U.S. military base with fuel trucks and assassinate Afghan leaders. "We're talking about world-class terrorists," he said.

He also said his group delivered suspects to American special forces in the past.

Maj. Rick Peat, a U.S. military spokesman in Kabul, said he had no information on such a handover.

In court, Idema interrupted the judge to complain about the poor translation and glowered at his former prisoners and his Afghan assistants as they testified.

Turbaned men in the audience groaned in disapproval when prosecutor Mohammed Naem Dawari said Afghan defendants told interrogators the Americans were "always drunk" and brought women to the house.

The American military says it has no idea what motivated Idema's group, which flew into Afghanistan on April 14. But there were indications they were intent on making money.

POD may exceed Guard unit's duty in Iraq

Schoomaker confirms discussion of keeping guardsmen in war zone beyond two-year limit

By MARK MAZZETTI

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — In yet another sign of the strains on the U.S. military in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and the Iraq war, the Pentagon for the first time is considering extending the mobilization of National Guard soldiers who will soon hit the federal limit of 24 months of active service, defense officials said Tuesday.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker was asked about the issue during a Wednesday House Armed Services Committee hearing on Army transformation. Extending the Guard members' tours "is a decision in progress," that will ultimately need approval from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Schoomaker told the questioner, Arkansas Democrat Vic Snyder.

Pressed again by Snyder, Schoomaker quietly consulted with his deputy chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Benjamin S. Griffin, and then reiterated, "I'm not aware that a decision has been made."

In a Wednesday news conference, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld said he has no plans to extend the deployments, but didn't shut the door to the pos-

sibility.

"No, we don't plan at the moment to extend people beyond 24 months," Rumsfeld said. "But one should never say never.... The facts on the ground will determine what we do."

Initially, the decision would affect about 450 soldiers of the Arkansas National Guard who are in Iraq with the 39th Brigade Combat Team. The soldiers, mobilized after Sept. 11 and first sent to the Sinai Peninsula on a peacekeeping rotation, are the first group of National Guard troops to approach the 24-month limit that the Pentagon established days after the terrorist attacks in the United States.

Ultimately, however, waiving the limit in this case might lead to extended deployments for thousands of other reservists and National Guard members in Iraq and Afghanistan, and provide ammunition to critics in Congress who are pushing the Bush administration to increase the size of the military.

"Every day it seems to be another improvisational attempt to stretch forces that are already stretched very thin," said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., a former paratrooper with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division and an advocate of

bolstering the Army's ranks.

But the status of the soldiers, being considered by David S.C. Chu, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, has not yet been decided, Pentagon officials said.

"This is the first time this has happened, we're breaking new ground here," said Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke, a Defense Department spokeswoman.

Doing away with the 24-month limit would be certain to upset many long-serving soldiers and their families, who say they are increasingly bearing the weight of a military stretched beyond its capacity. Over the last year, the conflict in Iraq has forced the Pentagon to keep more than 100,000 soldiers and Marines in the country for months after the Bush administration had expected to draw down the troop presence.

The Pentagon has issued orders preventing military personnel from leaving active duty, extended the tours of thousands of troops when insurgent activity in Iraq crested in the spring, and pulled troops out of South Korea to fill out Iraq rotations.

Last month, the Army was forced to dip into its pool of Individual Ready Reserve soldiers — troops who are not members of a specific Reserve unit but have unexpired obligations to complete their military service — looking for roughly 5,600 to deploy to Iraq and fill out Iraq rotations.

In a memo to top military officials dated Sept. 20, 2001, Chu established the 24-month policy to ensure that deployments abroad would not place an excessive strain on reservists and National Guard troops accustomed to a life of active duty.

The 39th Brigade Combat Team — made up of National Guard troops from several states — is a mechanized infantry unit currently based in Tajik, about 10 miles north of Baghdad. When the unit went to Iraq in April, commanders were aware that hundreds of its soldiers would hit their 24-month limit while they were deployed there, most beginning in September.

As a result, Brig. Gen. Ronald Chastain, the brigade's commander, filed a request with the Pentagon to extend the soldiers' tours. Chu is considering that waiver request.

Since the 39th Brigade Combat Team entered Iraq, 13 soldiers from the unit have been killed by enemy attacks, said Capt. Kristine Mann, a unit spokeswoman.

Five were killed in a single weekend, four of those when mortar rounds hit the brigade's compound in Tajik.

If the Defense Department retains the 24-month limit, those Arkansas National Guard troops whose active-duty commitments are set to expire would be free to return home. They also would have the option of volunteering to remain in Iraq on active duty, defense officials said.

In the corridors of the Pentagon, a major concern is that the tempo of deployments since the Sept. 11 attacks will ultimately take its toll on retention and recruiting, both in the active service and the Reserves. Thus far, the Army has been able to meet recruiting goals for the active force, but is falling short of its goal for the Reserves.

There are now more than 131,000 Army National Guard



Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker

troops and reservists on active duty, in most cases for 15- to 18-month stints.

Yet even as the Pentagon struggles to meet its global commitments, top defense officials repeatedly have said that there is no cause to expand the size of the military, as some lawmakers from both parties have been urging.

"There's folks in the Pentagon who refuse to admit that we're in for a long time in Iraq and Afghanistan," Reed said.

The Senate last month voted overwhelmingly to increase the Army by 20,000 soldiers, and the House voted for a 30,000-troop increase. The White House maintains its opposition to a permanent increase.

Stars and Stripes reporter Lisa Burgess contributed to this report from the Pentagon.

Study: Army Reserve soldiers encounter pay problems

By STEVE GOLDSTEIN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Ninety-five percent of soldiers at eight Army Reserve units sent to Iraq and other Middle East bases experienced significant problems getting paid, creating stress and concern about the financial well-being of their families back home.

The soldiers were overpaid or underpaid or paid late, according to a study by the Government Accountability Office, and the problems in some instances persisted for more than a year.

Soldiers involved in the investigation said the pay issues hurt morale and the Army Reserve's rate of retention. "You never want to mess with a soldier's money. That's a cardinal rule," said Army Capt. Orlando Amaro. "When a soldier has financial issues, the morale just goes through the floor."

Amaro was a platoon leader for the 443rd Military Police Company from Owings Mills, Md., when the unit was in Baghdad from May through December 2003. Usually all of the 121 soldiers in his company had pay problems.

"Most of the problems stemmed from soldiers not getting additional allotments, such as family separation pay and combat-zone allotments," said Amaro, a native

GAO faults 'complex' Pentagon pay process, lack of well-trained military staff for mix-ups

Philadelphia who is an officer in the Washington, D.C., police department.

Pay issues were so pressing, Amaro said in an interview, that he and another officer with a background in finances flew to Kuwait roughly every two weeks for five months to try to resolve these problems and prevent new mistakes from occurring.

The two officers flew to Kuwait on space-available flights but then had to rent a car with their own money to drive to the finance office.

Amaro and other soldiers, GAO investigators and Pentagon officials were scheduled to appear Monday at a hearing before a panel of the House Committee on Government Reform. The GAO study follows an examination of Army National Guard soldiers late last year that revealed similar problems.

Rep. Todd R. Platts of Pennsylvania, chairman of the subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, has been working with the Department of Defense to try to correct the pay glitches, which he called "outrageous."

"These are men and women going into harm's way," Platts said, "and we should be doing everything to support them, not creating stress and uncertainty."

Apart from affecting what he called "mission performance," Platts said these issues had been shown to cause troops to decide not to re-enlist.

Sgt. Jesus Salcedo of York, Pa., served 11 months with the 443rd in Baghdad and said he was never sure he was receiving the correct pay.

"I was never discovered he had been shortchanged on his enlistment bonus and still has not been paid his per diem for travel back to the United States."

Salcedo, 31, in a combat environment, find out if my 4-month-old and my 5½-year-old kids are taken care of?" said Salcedo, a corrections officer at York County Prison. "I don't want to be rash, but it was like a slap in the face."

"I came home and they threw me a parade. Wonderful," he said. "But it's not paying my bills."

Almost half of the Army's Reserve — about 98,000 soldiers — have been mobilized to active duty at some point since September 2001, according to the GAO.

The agency studied eight Army Reserve units, including the 431st Chemical Detachment in Johnstown, Pa. Ninety-five percent of the soldiers were affected, with many experiencing more than one variety of pay problem.

Of the 348 reservists — all of whom were mobilized at some point between August 2002 and January 2004 — 256 received an estimated \$247,000 in overpayments, 294 received about \$51,000 in underpayments, and 245 soldiers received about \$77,000 in late payments, the GAO found.

In addition, none of the 303 who deployed to designated combat zones received the proper tax exemptions.

"The consequences of inaccurate, late and missing payments and associated erroneous debts had a profound impact on individual soldiers and their families," said the prepared testimony of GAO investigator Gregory D. Kutz. "At one unit several soldiers told us that they had to borrow money from friends and relatives in order to pay their bills when they initially deployed overseas."

The GAO faulted "cumbersome and complex" Pentagon pay processes, a shortage of well-trained military pay staff, and weaknesses in the computerized pay systems used by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

American troops welcome NATO help in Iraq

Alliance expected to announce plan by month's end

BY WARD SANDERSON
Stars and Stripes

The NATO alliance has yet to say just how it will aid Iraqi security forces, but is expected to make an announcement before month's end.

Meanwhile, some U.S. troops on desert duty say they welcome any help the alliance could give to get more local boots on the sweltering, perilous beat.

"I think our allies should train more Iraqis so we have more Iraqi folks on the streets," said Spc. Franklin Bull, a 850th Transportation Company soldier who often drives between Baghdad and Balad. "I see more Iraqi forces out there, but there should be more of them pulling security."

The alliance has agreed in principle to train the forces, but exactly how it will work — or where it will take place — is up in the air.

"There has been no decision on that," a NATO press official said. "We are waiting for advice from a team that went to Iraq, and the secretary-general is also going to write a report."

That report will go to the North Atlantic Council, which is made up of representatives from the 26 member states. The Unit-



Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari, attending The Sixth Conference of Foreign Affairs Ministers of the Countries Neighboring Iraq in Cairo, Egypt, on Wednesday, meet with NATO officials last week to help speed up his request for training and equipment.

ed States had wanted NATO to dispatch troops to Iraq, but Germany and France were against approving actual deployments. Instead, a compromise deal announced at last month's Istanbul Summit allows the allies to train Iraqi forces inside or outside the country.

Last week, Iraq's foreign minister, Hoshiyar Zebari visited Brussels, Belgium, to

meet with the council and speed up the program.

"Our requests have been that we need this training you promised us in Istanbul to be carried out as soon as possible," Zebari said, according to a news conference transcript. "We need it, in fact we are in a race against time and it's a matter of urgency."

The NATO secretary-general, Jaap de

Hoop Scheffer, said the training could take several forms, including training border guards.

"Let there be no mistake, it will be an implementation of the decision taken in Istanbul," de Hoop Scheffer said. "... The efforts and the results of these efforts must be visible very quickly indeed to inspire confidence."

A NATO press official said that the training would most likely focus on the Iraqi army, as opposed to any kind of police force. Zebari, the foreign minister, also asked for equipment, though he wasn't specific about what that meant. No mention of equipment was made in the alliance's summit agreement.

The NATO official said that while that may be the case, the alliance would likely attempt to help. However, the only equipment the alliance has of its own are Airborne Warning and Control System aircraft, meaning that any other gear would be given individually by member states.

Though the United States originally wanted the alliance to send troops, one American officer serving in Iraq was glad NATO had agreed only to train security forces there.

"Now that Iraq has sovereignty, it should be Iraqi forces providing security," said 2nd Lt. Brent Barnes of the Joint South Task Force. "Unless they are training Iraqi forces, it's not the coalition forces that should be seen on the streets of Iraq."

Reporter Rick Emert contributed to this report from Baghdad.

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From left to right, Sgt. Wesley Parkhurst, Spec. Robert Isaacs, Terry Boyd, and Pfc. Michael Greenwood.

What happened to Scott Speicher?

After two wars in Iraq, questions about Navy pilot's fate remain unanswered

BY RANDALL RICHARD
The Associated Press

Lt. Barry Hull emerged from his F/A-18 Hornet and climbed onto the deck of the USS Saratoga, unhappy with his landing. He knew to expect better when his squadron mate, Lt. Cmdr. Scott Speicher, zoomed into the aircraft carrier from the sky over the Red Sea.

Speicher's landing, of course, would be perfect. He was the best Navy pilot in the squadron.

Cmdr. Michael Scott Speicher had led the squad out of the hellfire over Baghdad.

Once over the sea, he had radioed the others. All but Speicher had checked in.

Hull didn't worry at first, he remembers today. They all figured "Spikie" was out of range. Hull radioed: "Come in, Spikie. This is Skull. Talk to me!" Nothing. So they waited.

It was Jan. 17, 1991, a war with Iraq beginning, and American planes were in the air. But Speicher, 33, didn't land that day. He never landed, and he never came home.

They declared him dead at first, the secretary of defense said it on live TV. His widow remarried, his children grew. But then doubts began to worm their way in. Odd clues surfaced. A shadowy informant told a story. After a decade, the Pentagon changed its mind: Speicher, it said, was not dead but missing or captured.

Did Speicher tumble from the sky to his death, or did he eject? Had Saddam Hussein held him on the wall of an Iraqi prison? Did he endure another, more intricate tale that, even now, remains untold? The questions reached Capt. Hill, the Pentagon, the Oval Office itself.

Eventually, with another Bush in the White House and Saddam Hussein's Iraq still an enemy, the story transcended one pilot.

Speicher's case had become something more — a small part of the rationale for another war.

Speicher 'left behind'

In late 2002 and early 2003, as the administration of George W. Bush made its case for invading Iraq, Speicher's name began echoing again in the halls of power. Had Saddam Hussein held him captive all these years? Saddam's government said no. But Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said the missing pilot — if he was alive — was one reason to invade. Bush himself raised Speicher's presumed capture to the United Nations.

These were only the latest in

years of efforts to determine the airman's fate. But the push didn't start immediately, friends of Speicher allege. In 1991, Hull says, Speicher "had been left behind."

On the day Speicher disappeared, the military told his wife that search-and-rescue teams were looking for him, his friends say. But that wasn't happening, Hull contends, bristling at the memory.

"Part of the deal is that if I go down, by God, it's your job to come get me," Hull says. He doesn't buy the Navy's belated argument that, without a distress call from Speicher, a rescue mission would have been futile.

He asserts that the Navy knew — or should have — that Speicher's new radio didn't fit in its pouch and had probably been blown out of his survival vest when he ejected. Why, he wonders, didn't the military follow information from a fellow airman who had marked the coordinates of the fireball that investigators later linked to an air-to-air missile fired by an Iraqi MIG? But as the 1991 Gulf War ended, ephemeral clues to Speicher's fate plunked seeds that would sprout into a fragile culture of hope.

Wreckage found

Tim Connolly was an army captain with the 405th Air Defense Battalion during Desert Storm. After the shooting stopped, he told The Associated Press, he was summoned to talk to a man who claimed to be a Kuwaiti secret police colonel.

The Kuwaiti said he had been taken to a hospital in Nasiriyah four months earlier after being captured by the Iraqis. There, he said, an American pilot in the next bed.

The colonel offered to look at photos of captured American pilots. But Connolly said he was told not to bother. With Speicher officially dead, all U.S. pilots were accounted for.

By 1994, Connolly, then a deputy assistant secretary of state, learned of a discovery in the Iraqi desert. A group of Qatariis, ostensibly in Iraq on a falcon hunt, had discovered the wreckage of an F/A-18 American warplane. They found a U.S. authorization, a metal plate stamped 163470 — the ID number on Speicher's Hornet.

A Defense Intelligence Agency satellite pinpointed the wreck site, its coordinates matching those where David Renaud, a Navy flyer, saw a brilliant flash of light in the sky the day Speicher disappeared.

Finally, something tangible to work with — if anyone could get to the place.

Connolly urged an undercover mission to the crash site before the Iraqi government could tamper with anything that might reveal Speicher's fate.

According to Connolly, a special operations team had a plan: Slip in by helicopter at night, re-



COURTESY BARRY HULL/AP

An F-18 Hornet flown by Navy pilot Barry Hull flies over the Red Sea in 1991. Capt. Michael Scott Speicher flew a similar fighter when he went down over Iraq in the first Gulf War. In the background is the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga.

cover evidence and be back in Saudi Arabia before dawn. On Dec. 23, 1994, Connolly made his case to Secretary of Defense William Perry.

At that meeting in Perry's Pentagon conference room was Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who confirmed Connolly's account. Shalikashvili told Perry: "I don't want to be the one to write letters home to the parents telling them that their son or daughter died looking for old bones."

A month later, Perry notified Connolly that he had decided, in-

stead, to ask the International Committee of the Red Cross to arrange with Baghdad for a U.S. team to visit the site.

After postponing the visit three times, the Iraqis escorted investigators to Speicher's plane, Connolly said. As he feared, the site had been picked over — either by looters or government agents.

Sen. Pat Roberts, a Republican from Kansas, pressed the issue. To Roberts, the evidence suggested Speicher had survived and might still be a prisoner of war.

Roberts held closed hearings; and on March 27, 2001, his com-

mittee released a report re-evaluating all the evidence collected over the years. "Speicher probably survived," the report said, and if he did, "he almost certainly was captured."

Weeks earlier, the military, in an extraordinary decision, changed Speicher's status from killed to missing — 10 years after he was pronounced dead. Evidence cited in the committee report contributed to the decision.

Then, in October 2002, the military changed Speicher's status again, this time to "missing-captured."

Five months later, the United States invaded Saddam fell. Speicher was not found.

War footnote

Today, with more than 130,000 American forces occupying Iraq, Speicher is still nowhere to be found.

"A joint Iraq-U.S. committee has just finished its work on determining the fate of the pilot," said George Sada, spokesman for interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. The result of the investigation will be announced by the Pentagon. He wouldn't elaborate.

There is talk now of making Speicher officially dead again. Hope has dimmed. Speicher has moved on. He has become a footnote to war, a man whose story stopped in the middle — and whose ending may be forever beyond reach.

Stars and Stripes

Messages of Support

★ were pulling for you, don't give up, and never doubt that we are behind you 1000%. It doesn't matter if you are against this war or not, what matters right now is that you all come home safe and sound. Don't stop until you capture Baghdad and show'em all who's boss. Love Always, The Lagares Family.

★ To Cpt. Conkle David: We love you and can't wait to see you! We are praying for your safe return. Love, Heather, Hanson, Jason, Mom, Steve, Dad, Vicky and Grandmom

★ To all the brave women and men of our armed forces, THANK YOU! There is no way we could ever repay you for dedication, sacrifice, and service. There may be a few in this country that protest the actions of this country and those that protect her, but they only make-up a very small number. The overwhelming number of Americans TOTALLY SUPPORT YOU!!!!!! We love you and wish you all the best. You are in our prayers and thoughts continually. THANKS AGAIN!!! Walter Moore and Family

★ Dear Soliders in Iraq, As we sit at home and think of you, fighting for world peace, please know you are our heroes. Everything you do is greatly appreciated. Please take good care of yourselves. We look forward to your safe return. Hugs to all, from St. Paul, Minnesota.

★ THANK YOU to every American soldier! I support you 1000%. You're doing a wonderful job in horrible conditions. People at home miss you and love you. God bless you all! Keep your heads down. Jeff Skafie

★ Soldier, I want you to know how much I appreciate you defending our way of life. Never for one minute think that the protesters speak for the majority of the American people. I am from Ohio and I can tell you that we support your efforts. I pray for your success and safe keeping every day. Please stay safe, and take care of that person next to you so you all can come home safe. God bless you all. Terry Swartz

Iraq calls upon neighbors for help stabilizing nation

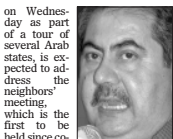
BY SARAH EL DEEB
The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Iraq on Wednesday asked neighboring countries for tangible assistance to restore security to the violence-ravaged nation, saying it needed action and not just words.

"This is a good forum for Iraq to seek the support, the good will, of Iraq's neighbors to help us in the process of stability and security in Iraq," Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zbari said as he went into a meeting of Iraq's neighbors and Egypt in Cairo.

Iraqi leaders facing almost daily car bombings and firefights accuse foreign Muslim infiltrators of being behind some of the deadliest attacks and say neighboring countries are either facilitating or turning a blind eye to cross-border infiltration.

Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, who flew into Cairo



Zbari

on Wednesday as part of a tour of several Arab states, is expected to address the neighbors' meeting, which is the first to be held since coalition forces handed over sovereignty to an interim government on June 28. Iraqi officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Allawi was expected to make some proposals for security cooperation between Iraq and its neighbors — Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

A Turkish diplomat told The Associated Press that several proposals were being discussed Wednesday, including holding regular

meetings of law enforcement officials from countries in the region.

Iraq's neighbors may fear militants — to help us in deeds and not words, and to support the effort of the new Iraqi sovereign government to establish a peaceful, responsible Iraq friendly to its neighbors. And this is what we have come to ask them for," Iraqi Foreign Minister Zbari told reporters.

"We expect some of our neighbors to stand by the Iraqi people — to help us in deeds and not words, and to support the effort of the new Iraqi sovereign government to establish a peaceful, responsible Iraq friendly to its neighbors. And this is what we have come to ask them for," Iraqi Foreign Minister Zbari told reporters.

Host Egypt and Kuwait, which Saddam invaded in 1990 precipitating the first Gulf War, stressed that the region's stability depended on that of Iraq.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit said in a statement that terrorism and violence will not deter countries from supporting the efforts of the Iraqi interim government.

Kuwait's foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammed Al Sabah, said in remarks carried by the Kuwait news agency before traveling to Cairo that "chaos is a microbe that cannot be contained in one country. This microbe has to be killed or else it will make all the area sick."



THE DECATUR DAILY

Dr. John Wicks poses Saturday on his dock overlooking the Tennessee River at Lucy's Branch in Limestone County, Alabama. Wicks, 68, a psychiatrist, has been called out of military retirement by the Army to fill a shortage of mental-health experts needed to help soldiers cope with combat stress. He could be in Iraq as long as a year.

68-year-old doctor reactivated by Army to serve tour in Iraq

The Associated Press

DECATUR, Alabama — At 68, many people are slowing down. Not John Wicks: He's going to Iraq.

Wicks, a psychiatrist, has been called out of military retirement by the Army to fill a shortage of mental health experts needed to help soldiers cope with combat. He could be gone as long as a year.

The Army hasn't told Wicks what his exact assignment in Iraq is, or where in the country it will send him.

"I believe that the morale in general is not that good since the scandal at that prison," he said, referring to the allegations of abuse at Abu Ghraib prison. "When morale is high, you have fewer of these kinds of problems. And when morale is low, you have more."

Wicks, who is beginning a week of training in Texas, will have the rank of colonel. His previous military experience includes two years on active duty with the Marines and 18 years in the Alabama National Guard.

Wicks is a veteran of the U.S. war with Iraq in 1991, but his wife said theirs are different times.

"In Desert Storm, he was in the 109th Evacuation Hospital and they had drilled together for years," said Jan Wicks. "He felt good about going with this team that he knew. He doesn't have that support this time."

Wicks figures he will be among the oldest U.S. soldiers in the Iraq war: Martha Rudd, a spokeswoman for the Army at the Pentagon, said she has no way of knowing if Wicks would be the oldest. She said she had heard of one other doctor who was 68 and went to Iraq.

Wicks' latest assignment started with a postcard the Army sent last fall that explained the need for specialists and asked if he felt he was fit to serve.

"I stuck the thing in my pocket and carried it around for several weeks agonizing on how I should respond," he told The Decatur Daily in a story Sunday. "The truth is I consider myself fit and sent it back."

"My wife said 'You'll never hear from them.' Well, it was no time at all till I heard from them," Wicks said.

Wicks said recruiters initially hinted he could go to Europe or a stateside base to relieve a younger psychiatrist who would go to Iraq. The Army even gave him three choices should that scenario play out, and Dr. Wicks chose Italy, Germany and England.

"Well, I now wonder if this was just to get me hooked. Because there's no way I'm going to Italy or any of these places," he said. "I'm going to Iraq."

Messages of Support

★ To each and every person deployed overseas, and involved with this war, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I appreciate your work and dedication to this country. Thank you, and stay safe and strong. ~Jodi B.

★ Just wanted to let you know that I appreciate the work you guys are doing for us. God bless the U.S.A., the greatest country in the world. Greg

Messages of Support

★ To all of you Men and Women in the United States Military- I want you all to know that we are praying for you. I fully and totally respect all of you for what you are doing for our Country. Whenever I see a uniform I immediately stop and say a prayer for all of you and your families. (I do see a uniform a lot having Police and Military in my family.) You all have so many more people that support you than don't support you. Don't believe everything you hear, you know how the media is. I know you all don't know me but I love you all because you all are my Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Thank you so much for doing what you all do best, may God Bless each and everyone of you all. HURRY AND COME HOME. Lisa, Cassidy, Texas-USA

Messages of Support

★ Hi Ted, Ross and I just want to send you our love, support and prayers. We love you so much and pray for you each and every day, along with all the other troops. Stay strong and know that your country is rallying behind you! We love you, Ross and Kela

★ Dear Stoop, We love you and miss you so much. Please stay safe and out of harms way. We are praying for your safety and counting the days till you are back home with us and we can be a family again! All Our Love Always, Mindy, Meagan & Treigh

★ Dear Soldier: As the wife of a former infantryman, I thank you for all you do!! No one but you understands the dedication and willingness you have to fight for our country. As the mother of a newborn, I thank you for maintaining the freedom of this country so that my child may enjoy many wonderful experiences while growing up. We thank you, we love you and return safety home to your family..... JR, Angela and Baby Drew. Bakersfield, California

★ Hi My name is Jacque Thomas and I live on Long Island in New York. I just want to say "Thank you for what you are doing for our country and the entire world" you are in my thoughts and prayers daily and we love you!!!

★ JUST WANT TO TELL YOU HOW PROUD WE ARE OF YOU AND THAT YOU ARE DOING A FANTASTIC JOB. YOU ARE IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. WE KNOW THE SACRIFICE YOU ARE MAKING TO KEEP OUR COUNTRY FREE AND TO HELP MAKE OTHER COUNTRIES FREE AS WELL. KEEP THE FAITH AND KNOW THAT FOR EVIL TO TRIUMPH ALL IT TAKES IF FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING. WE ARE SO PROUD OF ALL THE GOOD MEN THAT ARE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THE EVIL THAT EXISTS. GOD BLESS. GOD BLESS AMERICA.

★ We support your efforts and thank you very much for the sacrifice that you are making in preserving our freedom here in America and in all the world. God bless each and everyone of you. Zoe, from Florida

Elite forces taking higher-paying jobs

BY PAULINE JELINEK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just when the U.S. military needs them most, senior Green Berets, Navy SEALs and other elite forces are leaving for higher-paying jobs.

After getting years of training and experience in the military, they leave for other government jobs or for what defense officials said Tuesday has been an explosion in outside contractor work.

"What makes them so valuable to us is that they're highly marketable on the outside," said Chief Master Sgt. Robert V. Martens Jr., senior adviser at the U.S. Special Operations Command, which also oversees equipping and training elite Army Rangers and Air Force special operations commands.

Better salaries, retirement and educational opportunities are among incentives that might help stem the problem, defense officials say. They are working with lawmakers to discuss ways to keep forces who have become so crucial to the war on terror.

A soldier, sailor or airman gets \$60,000 of service — a figure that includes housing allowance and some types of special duty pay. Troops who go to work for civilian contractors can get up to \$200,000 a year, one official has said.

The military command that oversees the covert forces "is the nation's single best weapon in the global war on terror," said Rep. Jim Saxton, R-N.J. Saxton opened Tuesday's session before his House Armed Services Committee terrorism subcommittee, saying he fears the military is losing such troops faster than they can be replaced for a counter-terror war that "has no foreseeable end point."

Officials from the command based in Tampa, Fla., didn't give specific numbers, but said the Army, Navy and Air Force are all seeing an increasing trend in which senior people are retiring at their 20-year mark, though they could remain on active duty for several more years.

Force Master Chief Cliff Blevins, senior adviser at the Naval Special Warfare Command, said there has been a decline in people staying beyond the 10- to 14-year mark since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

"We are not looking to retain every single person to their 30-year tenure, but we are looking to retain a key experience base to our younger, less experienced troops out into the field into combat," Martens said.

It can take four years just to train a special operations soldier and another few years of field experience before he or she is top-notch.

Martens said troops are taking "the skills that we have trained them with" and starting second careers in the civilian sector or moving into other government agencies.

The special operations command has been working with the services and the office of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to identify incentives to keep senior people, Martens said. Worse retention problems can be averted, he said.

To some extent, the government has helped create the growing market outside its doors. Both the Defense Department and the CIA have hired private contractors to cover their own manpower shortages, especially in skills such as linguistics and prisoner interrogation.

The military has contracted out some chores — to save troops for soldiering duties. There are some 20,000 private security guards in Iraq, some watching over U.S. officials, convoys and private workers in Iraq. Some are under government contract and some hired by private companies.

The CIA often uses independent contractors who are hired for short-term assignments. When they sometimes are recruited by and work through a private company, they can also be contracted directly by the agency.

Some of the private companies have been started and are led by retired generals, other military officers and former CIA employees.

Overall spending on federal contracts increased about 42 percent from 2000 to 2003 — from \$205 billion to \$291 billion — according to a report issued in May by Rep. Henry Waxman of California, the senior Democrat on the House Government Reform Committee. The Army, Air Force and Navy accounted for 55 percent of all federal contract spending in 2003, he said.



The entrance to Vice President Dick Cheney's undisclosed location at the Raven Rock Mountain facility near Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., is pictured left. Known to government insiders as the "underground Pentagon,"

Site R is a complex of underground government buildings, shown below. A book, "A Pretext for War: 9/11, Iraq, and the Abuse of America's Intelligence Agencies" by James Bamford, is credited with spilling the beans about the supersecret hideaway.

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'Secret Pentagon' disclosed

BY STEVE GOLDSTEIN

Knight Ridder Newspapers

SITE R, Pa. — Welcome to the undisclosed location.

Known familiarly to government insiders as the "underground Pentagon," this is where Vice President Cheney set up shop in the aftermath of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and where he sometimes is when his office is being secretive about Cheney's whereabouts.

The location is a highly secure complex of buildings inside Raven Rock Mountain near Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., close to the Maryland-Pennsylvania state line and about seven miles north of Camp David.

A recent book, "A Pretext for War: 9/11, Iraq, and the Abuse of America's Intelligence Agencies" by James Bamford, was credited with spilling the beans about the supposedly supersecret hideaway. Still, there is great sensitivity about the compound, as emphasized to an uninvited reporter the other day who was inadvertently allowed to briefly enter a guard-house.

"I work physical security at an undisclosed location in southern Pennsylvania, that's all I can say," said a well-armored fatigues-clad Army guard as he politely but firmly told the reporter that "everything you see is classified."

There is not that much to be seen.



Site R — also known as Raven Rock or the Alternate Joint Communications Center — is a 53-year-old facility conceived at the start of the Cold War as an alternate command center in the event of nuclear war or an attack on Washington.

Sloping, round-humped Raven Rock Mountain sprouts a thicket of antennae, satellite dishes, and a microwave tower. From state Route 16, the main road that passes the mountain, two oversize metal doors in the hillside are visible through the heavy foliage giving it the Fortress of Solitude touch.

Information about Site R is available on the Internet, and its location — and use by Cheney — appeared in several news stories even before the publication of Bamford's book.

Cheney's disappearance to undisclosed locations — a frequent occurrence after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks — is believed to be unprecedented for the nation's highest elected officials.

As described by Bamford, the mountain also has a helipad. "But deep inside the hard greenstone granite mountain is a secret world of five buildings each three

stories tall, computer-filled caverns and a subterranean water reservoir," he writes. Within hours of the 9/11 attacks, Bamford said, five helicopters landed on the helipad, a convoy of SUVs with black-tinted windows arrived at the main entrance, and tan buses "began laboring up the steep, two-lane road to the heavily guarded, unmarked service entrance. Among those early to arrive was Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz."

The unmarked back entrance is a twisting lane off Harbaugh Valley Road. To the unknown, the chain-link fence with a double-wide coil of razor wire might be a tip-off, as would the guard-house and a big red "warning" sign.

Confirmation came in the form of a station wagon with a U.S. Postal Service sticker; the carrier drove up the road, delivering mail to the half-dozen buildings outside the gate. He acknowledged that this was one of the "four or five" entrances to Site R.

"We don't deliver their mail," he explained.

Asked whether Site R had its own service, he smiled and said: "I would say so."

Messages of Support

★ Hi Baby, Just wanted to say I Love and Miss you and I am right here with you all the way supporting you as you defend our nation. I'm looking forward to your safe return home soon. I Love You My Darling. Your Wife, Penny D. Roark

★ We are so proud of all you men and women serving us in the war! Thank you to all for sacrifices for us so that not only us in America, but those that no nothing of the freedoms we have will be able to share in them! God bless you all! The Thomsons

★ Message for B. Bevin from Pike County Kentucky. We want to you know how proud we are of you and how

much we love you and miss you. Always know that our prayers are with you daily that God will keep you safe and return you and all the troops home safely and quickly. Love Mom and Dad

★ To all of you Service persons over seas. Keep kicking their butts. You are in my constant prayers and thoughts. Hurry home. If you know a platoon sergeant by the name J. Jackson, army reserves, South Bend, IN tell him to write me. Linda

★ To all our troops: Thank you for taking the risk for protecting my freedom. Stay the course and good luck. D. Mieszala EvergreenPark, IL

This applies to today's soldiers too. Be safe and God's speed to you all from an old Vietnam Veteran.

SOLDIER

I WAS THAT WHO OTHERS DID NOT WANT TO BE.

I WENT WHERE OTHERS FEARED TO GO. AND DID WHAT OTHERS FAILED TO DO.

I ASKED NOTHING FROM THOSE WHO GAVE NOTHING, AND RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED THE THOUGHT OF ETERNAL LONELINESS. SHOULD I FAIR.

I HAVE SEEN THE FACE OF TERROR, FELT THE STRINGING COIL OF FEAR AND ENJOYED THE SWEET TASTE OF A WOMAN'S LOVE.

I HAVE DIED, PAINED, AND HAPPIED. BUT MOST OF ALL, I HAVE LIVED TIMES OTHERS WOULD SAY WERE BEST FORGOTTEN.

AT LEAST SOMEDAY I WILL BE ABLE TO SAY THAT I WAS PROUD OF WHAT I WAS. A SOLDIER. GEORGE J. SKYFICK VIETNAM VETERAN

Ramstein squadron wins award

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The 435th Services Squadron at Ramstein Air Base has been awarded the General Curtis E. LeMay Award as the best services squadron in the Air Force.

The LeMay award was created in 1965 to encourage and recognize excellence in Air Force services programs, according to a news release. It is present-

ed annually to the best large services squadron.

"This is a tremendous win for our squadron, and a credit to the hard work of each member of the unit," said Col. Melissa Kallett, 435th Services commander. "Each day, we strive to provide the best quality of life to the Kaiserslautern Military Community, and this Air Force award recognizes our success in doing that."

From staff reports

Wald explores EUCOM involvement in Africa

Stars and Stripes

STUTT GART, Germany — Those involved in planning transformation of the U.S. military in Europe consistently point to Africa as a place that troops may see more of in coming decades.

But that's already the case for some personnel at the U.S. European Command headquarters.

Last week, Air Force Gen. Charles Wald, deputy commander of EUCOM, made his third visit this year to the continent, talking with various leaders in a five-day swing through six countries.

Included in this trip were meetings in Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, Gabon, Sao Tome and Ghana.

EUCOM has become increasingly involved in a variety of nation-building and military cooperation projects across Africa in recent years. Military medical personnel based in Europe, for instance, have participated in a handful of exercises. During such

visits, personnel treat ill local nationals, train with local doctors, fix facilities and donate supplies.

The most recent medical visit was in South Africa. EUCOM has funded more than 150 humanitarian assistance projects in 60 countries so far this fiscal year.

Other units based in Europe and the States have spent months in a handful of countries, training various levels of local military or law enforcement agencies. A small group of Marines from Europe and the States are currently training anti-terrorism forces in Chad.

Past efforts have resulted in forces that are currently contributing to peacekeeping efforts in places such as Sierra Leone, the Congo and Lebanon.

EUCOM also runs a state partnership program, where individual states — through National Guard and Reserve forces as well as civilian employees — work with an individual African country.

Partnerships exist between New York and South Africa and Utah and Morocco. During Wald's visit, partnerships involving North Dakota and Ghana and Wyoming and Tunisia were approved.



Wald

Fishermen's big catch

Pair find Army plane long lost in Minn. lake

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

Cory Fladeboe was frustrated. An hour had passed since he and a friend had caught a walleye in Green Lake in Minnesota. So Fladeboe dunked his underwater camera to find out why the fish weren't biting.

Then he saw it: the propeller of a Cessna-style high-wing, single-engine plane, covered with silt, 35 feet below the surface.

Aware of the legend of Green Lake, the fishermen knew immediately that they had stumbled on the military plane that crashed into the west-central Minnesota lake 45 years ago.

"It looked pretty awesome," said Fladeboe, 25.

Fladeboe returned the next day with divers who say the plane fits the description of the Army Cessna L-19 Birddog that plunged into the 5,400-acre lake near Spicer on Oct. 15, 1958.

The body of the National Guard pilot, Capt. Richard Carey of Willmar, Minn., was found in the lake two weeks later.

Kandiyo County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Roe said he may find out if the numbers on the plane's tail match FAA and Army records.

"Until the military puts its stamp of approval on it, it's still in limbo," said Roe, adding that the plane eventually may be raised, preserved and placed in a museum.

The plane is in "excellent shape," said Michael Terhune, of St. Cloud, one of six divers who inspected it.

Terhune, 46, took 50 pictures of the submerged plane and plans to return soon to Green Lake with divers who will videotape the site.

One diver who plans to be there is Bill Matthies, owner of the Minnesota School of Diving in Brainerd. He searched for the plane five times in the 1960s to recover radio equipment for the Civil Air Patrol.

Matthies dived in the southwest quadrant of the lake, where the pilot's body was found. The plane discovered Saturday is in the lake's northwest corner.

Matthies, 68, abandoned his search in 1963, when a man told him the plane had been hauled from the lake.

"I was stunned when they said they found the plane," Matthies said. "I'd like to dive on it to make that closure."

Volunteers who monitor the water clarity of Green Lake consistently report they can see about 7 to 12 feet down, according to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Except near the shoreline, the lake is far deeper than that — 110 feet at its deepest point — so the lake bottom rarely is visible.

The reaction of Edna Carey, the pilot's widow, was "not so good." She said she thought it would never be found.

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Messages of Support

We support your effort to free Iraq from its oppressive leadership and ultimately protect the United States from future aggressions. We keep all of you in our prayers that God will keep you in his loving care and that GOOD WILL TRIUMPH OVER EVIL. GOD BLESS THE USA! Mary Ellen, Canfield, OHIO

We are so proud of all you men and women serving us in the war! Thank you all for sacrificing for us so that not only us in America, but those that no nothing of the freedoms we will be able to share in them! God bless you all! The Thomsons

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of all our Armed Forces, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as you go about your daily tasks of protecting and defending our country. I do not know each of you by name but I have you in my thoughts and in my heart just the same. May God bless you and keep you safe. You hold the toughest and most important job in the world. You will not go unnoticed for the eyes of God and the world are upon you. Many Thanks for the great jobs you are doing. Best Wishes, Agnes Miller

Hey, Baby!! We love you and miss you!! Take care and hurry home!! Donna and Jess

To All of Our Armed Forces: Keep up the good work, we are behind you 100%. Stay safe and God be with you!

hi i just wanted to say that i hope you guys are okay over there and that you come back okay. i hope you win the war. i really hope your okay, and your families would be happy to see you come home after the war is over. Ron Runyon

Stars and Stripes

Messages of Support

Keep up the great work everyone. Don't let the overpublicized anti-war mongers and their coverage get your spirits down. There is a job to do and we have faith that it will get done. Good luck and God bless. Justin. Indianapolis, Indiana

To Our Troops in Iraq, May God bless all of you for the sacrifice you are making in the name of freedom. Jaimie (US Navy), come home to me safely. A True American, Tina

To all service men and women serving in our armed forces: We, Americans, owe you all a debt of gratitude for what you are doing and what you stand for. THANK YOU for giving of yourselves to protect others. You are our best giving your best. My Love and Prayers, from a proud mother-in-law in WV

B. Goldschmidt: Dear Son, You are in our thoughts and prayers constantly. We are looking forward to your coming home soon. Stephen is now in Paris Island. Another Marine to kick some serious ass! Our Love, Mom, Dad & Lauren

WE COMMENT YOU IN THE LORD AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS. YOU'RE STRONG, MIGHTY, WARRIORS! BE BOLD BE STRONG, THE LORD YOU'RE GOD IS WITH YOU. MAY GOD PROTECT, STRENGTHEN, GRANT YOU PEACE, AND ENCOURAGE YOUR HEARTS. READ ROMANS 10:13, JOHN 3:16, PSALM 91. LOVE & PRAYERS, O'BRIENS

Tammy flew through Dallas and got to see Kathryn yesterday. Both were very excited. Nico was happy to see her too. Now that she's seen her maybe she won't be so nervous about the care she's getting. Kathryn is thriving. Stay safe. Love, Ellen

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Refueling teams keep operations booming in Iraq

385th AEG unit staging missions with KC-135s out of Rhein-Main

BY LISA HORN
Stars and Stripes

Air Force boom operators claim they're the only airmen flown to work every day. And Tuesday's refueling mission 20,000 feet above the Black Sea was no different for Master Sgts. Glenn Hancock and Sonny McCarra, boom operators for the 186th Air Refueling Squadron from Meridian, Miss.

"That's what their job is — to take me to work," McCarra joked, pointing to pilots Lt. Col. David "Doc" Glisson and 1st Lt. Rob Garrison.

The Air National Guard unit — part of the 385th Air Expeditionary Group — is staging its refueling missions from Rhein-Main Air Base until the end of the month while the runway at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, is closed for repairs.

Since August 2003, the 385th's crews have been gassing up C-17s, E-8Cs and C-5s around the clock as they fly to and from downrange, said Lt. Col. Twayne Mobley, commander of the 385th AEG.

"[The receivers] need the gas to be able to minimize their time on the ground at their stops," Mobley explained.

Glisson, Garrison, McCarra and Hancock took off Tuesday from Rhein-Main to meet up with a C-17 on its way to Balad Air Base, Iraq.

Capt. Lance Spear and Eduardo Emmanuelli, pilots of the C-17, had taken off from Rhein-Main shortly before the KC-135. Two and a half hours later, the aircraft rendezvoused over the Black Sea, just off the coast of Turkey.

During the mission, Glisson and Garrison stayed in constant contact with Spear and Emmanuelli to ensure both planes were able to meet at the predetermined refueling time.

Lying on his stomach in a small pit at the plane's tail, Hancock had his hands at the controls. As he lowered the boom to a point just above the C-17 cockpit, he filled the plane with 65,000 pounds of fuel, or roughly 9,700 gallons.

The 11 minutes of refueling went flawlessly. As the C-17 pulled away to continue its flight into Iraq, Hancock waved to the crewmembers and they disappeared into the horizon.

Flying directly into the setting sun, the KC-135 turned to head back to Germany. Glisson and Garrison attached Post-it notes to the windshield to deflect some of the sun's glare.

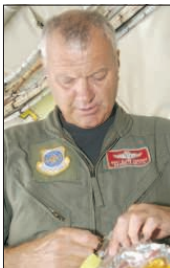
"It's a redneck sunscreen," Glisson joked in his Southern drawl.

Bored Incirlik's repairs began, a similar refueling mission would



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Stars and Stripes

Master Sgt. Sonny McCarra, above, and Master Sgt. Glenn Hancock, below, are boom operators with the 186th Air Refueling Wing from Meridian, Miss. They are temporarily flying refueling missions from Rhein-Main as Incirlik's runway is repaired.

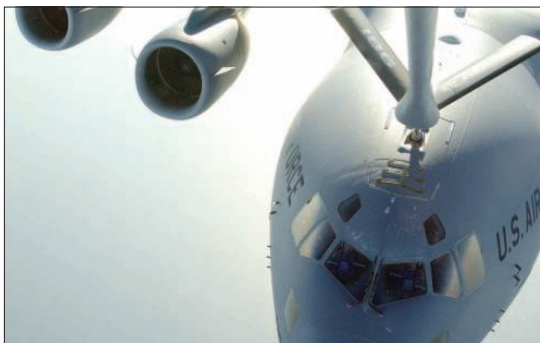


take three hours, or about half the time it took on this day. In addition to adapting to the longer flight time, pilots have also had to adjust to maneuvering in and out of Frankfurt's busy airspace.

Glisson had to fight to break into the Frankfurt radio chatter as an air traffic controller provided instructions to the endless number of incoming and outgoing aircraft.

"The three big challenges [flying from Rhein-Main] are getting out of Frankfurt, the timing of the refueling itself and finally getting back to Rhein-Main and landing," Mobley said.

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The 186th Air Refueling Wing, 153rd Air Refueling Squadron from Meridian, Miss., is staging refueling operations from Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, while work is done to the runway at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey. Crews from the 385th Air Expeditionary Group have been gassing up C-17s, E-8Cs and C-5s Top: A C-17 approaches the back of a KC-135 refueler 20,000 feet above the Black Sea on Tuesday. The plane's boom is pictured in the foreground ready for refueling. Middle: The KC-135's boom makes contact with the C-17 as refueling begins. Bottom: The C-17 pulls away from the KC-135 after refueling is complete.

IN THE WORLD

Karadzic lauded as hero at festival

BY PREDRAG MILIC
The Associated Press

SULA, Serbia-Montenegro — Fans of the world's most-wanted war crimes suspect, Radovan Karadzic, trekked by the thousands Wednesday to this remote mountain hamlet in his native Montenegro to launch a song festival in his honor.

On a stage decorated with Serb nationalist paraphernalia stood an empty chair bearing Karadzic's name.

"He is not a war criminal — he is my hero," said Ranko Andjusic, 44, a merchant selling Karadzic badges, books and videotapes in Sula, about 120 miles northwest of Podgorica, Montenegro's capital.

Karadzic, who tops the U.N. war crimes tribunal's most-wanted list, has been on the run since his indictment for genocide and crimes against humanity in 1995.

The former Bosnian Serb wartime leader is accused of orchestrating Europe's worst massacre of civilians since World War II — the July 1995 slaughter of up to 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys in the U.N.-protected enclave of Srebrenica.

Yet Karadzic — a self-styled poet — remains a hero among many nationalist Serbs and Montenegrins.

They believe he was unjustly accused merely because he devoted himself to Serb interests during the bloody 1992-95 Bosnian war by trying to create "Greater Serbia," a land that would comprise all Serbs living in the Balkans.

Late last month, chief U.N. prosecutor

Carla Del Ponte declared that Karadzic would be arrested within 24 hours. Instead, he remains at large despite a \$5 million reward promised by the United States for information leading to his capture and extradition to the tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands.

"Radovan, check your guards carefully, there are some Serbs who love money dearly," one musician sang at Wednesday's festival while playing a "gusle," a traditional single-string instrument used by generations of Serbs to circulate nationalist legends among simple folk.

Outside a Serbian Orthodox Church, merchants manning about 10 stalls peddled paraphernalia that included calendars with Karadzic's portrait and T-shirts reading "Karadzic, the Serbian Hero."

Karadzic is believed to be hiding in the mountains of eastern Bosnia, not far from Sula and somewhere near the town of Foca on the border with Serbia.

Those who claim to have seen him say he has shaved off his trademark bushy hair, has grown a large beard and dresses in black robes like a Serbian Orthodox priest.

Karadzic is said to often change his hide-outs, including monasteries and refurbished mountain caves.

Karadzic, not surprisingly, was nowhere to be seen.



Radovan Karadzic

U.S. hostage's head found in Saudi raid

BY ABDULLAH AL-SHIHRI
The Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The head of slain American hostage Paul M. Johnson Jr., who was kidnapped and decapitated by militants in Saudi Arabia last month, was found by security forces during a raid that targeted the hide-out of the Saudi al-Qaida chief. Two militants were killed, the Interior Ministry said Wednesday.

The Interior Ministry said the head was discovered in a freezer in a house, although Johnson's body was not found and a further search was being conducted.

The spokeswoman for the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, Carol Kalin, said that Saudi authorities had informed the embassy of the discovery and that consular officials in Washington were in the process of notifying Johnson's family.

The Interior Ministry said the raid occurred in the King Fahd neighborhood of Riyadh. An earlier statement from an official at the ministry said authorities were holding the wife and three children of Saleh Mohammed al-Aoofi, the man believed to be al-Qaida chief in Saudi Arabia, after the raid.

Johnson, a 49-year-old engineer who had worked in Saudi Arabia for more than a decade, was kidnapped June 12 by militants in Riyadh who followed through on a

threat to kill him if the kingdom did not release its al-Qaida prisoners. An al-Qaida group claiming responsibility posted an Internet message that showed grisly photographs of a beheaded body on June 17. Later, video of the beheading was posted.

Paul Johnson III, reached by telephone in Washington by The Associated Press, said he has received no official confirmation about the discovery. The younger Johnson, from Port St. John, Fla., had flown to Washington for a news conference with Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., at which they planned to press the Saudi Embassy for more information about the search for the body.

The Saudi Interior Ministry said the discovery was made after a search of one of three locations following the late Tuesday raid.

Weapons, including an anti-aircraft SAM-7 missile that appeared in previous militant videotapes, explosives, chemicals, video cameras and cash were among items seized.

One of the militants killed in the raid, identified by the Interior Ministry as Issa Saad Mohammed bin Oushan, is on the Saudi government's list of wanted militants. The statement declined to identify the wounded who are in custody.

Associated Press writer Mike Schneider in Orlando, Fla., contributed to this report.

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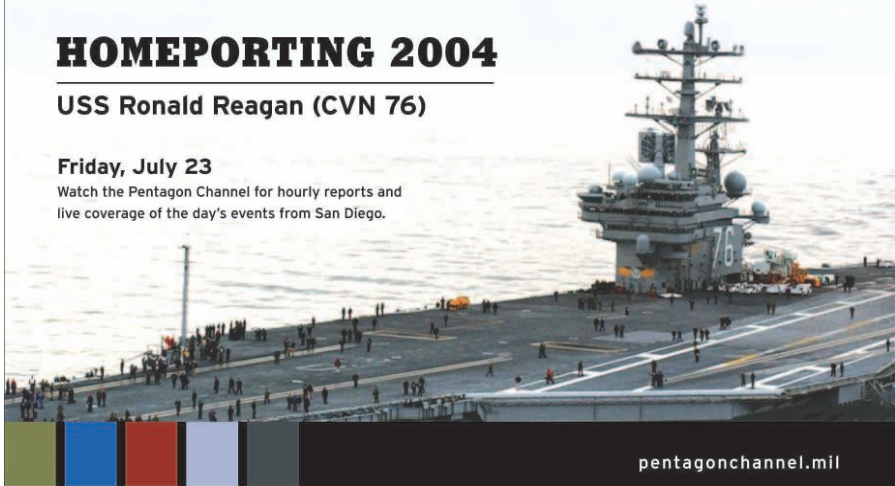
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IN THE STATES

Tax cuts may be extended

White House opposed to negotiated deal

BY MARY DALRYMPLE

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House and Senate negotiators have agreed to extend for two more years President Bush's tax cuts for wage earners, parents and married couples, but lawmakers said Wednesday the deal did not have the support of the White House, which wanted a longer extension.

President Bush had asked Congress to act this week, before Republicans and Democrats leave for the presidential nominating conventions, and prevent the tax cuts from expiring at the end of the year.

Negotiators agreed to keep the three tax cuts in place through 2006. The emerging understanding was described by congressional aides speaking on condition of anonymity because negotiators had not yet announced an agreement.

The White House, however, had asked lawmakers to extend the tax cuts for five years. Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., the top Democrat on the Senate tax-writing committee, said Wednesday, "the White House is still opposed" to the two-year extension.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said negotiations remained "fluid." Frist said he'd like to see the tax cuts extended more than two years also, perhaps permanently.

"Is that asking too much at this juncture?" he said. "I don't think so, but I've got a lot of people to consider."

A group of the Senate's moderate Republicans and Democrats had signaled they wanted a short extension, as little as one year.

"Our members are hungry for something that will pass," said Stuart Roy, spokesman for House

Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

"They want to get something that prevents the tax increase."

"I think the two-year deal ought to fly," said Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., early Wednesday morning.

The tax cuts that would be extended increased the child tax credit to \$1,000, broadened the bottom 10 percent income tax bracket and lowered taxes for some married couples who pay higher taxes than they would if unmarried. They had been set to expire at the end of the year.

If the tax cuts were left to expire at the end of the year, Americans would see three tax increases — slightly higher income taxes, a \$300 reduction in the child tax credit and a reduction in tax benefits for married couples.

The framework also freezes the alternative minimum tax in place for a year.



House Speaker Rep. Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., at podium, and other Republican leaders appear before reporters following a 9/11 Commission briefing on Capitol Hill on Tuesday in Washington. With Hastert are, from left to right, Rep. Chris Cox, R-Calif.; House Majority Leader Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas; Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.; and House Majority Whip Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

Pledge to fight terror stressed on eve of 9/11 report release

BY HOPE YEN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday his administration is doing everything possible to prevent another terrorist attack as he braced for a report sharply critical of the government's intelligence-gathering before Sept. 11.

"I look forward to receiving the report," Bush said in the Rose Garden as he signed a bill at the White House to develop and stockpile vaccines and other antidotes to biological and chemical weapons. He made his remarks one day before the independent commission investigating the terrorist attacks releases a report detailing significant intelligence lapses and other governmental failures that allowed the terrorist hijackings to succeed.

"I will continue to work with the Congress and state and local governments to build on the homeland security improvements we have already made," Bush said. "Every American can be certain that their government will continue doing everything — to prevent a terrorist attack, and if the terrorists do strike, we will be better prepared to defend our people because of the good law I sign today."

Commission Chairman Thomas Keane, a former New Jersey governor, and Democratic Vice Chairman Lee Hamilton, a former Indiana congressman, were to brief President Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, White House Chief of Staff Andy Card and White

House counsel Alberto Gonzales on the panel's findings later Wednesday, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Congress isn't likely to undertake major revisions of the nation's intelligence operations this year, House Speaker Dennis Hastert said, casting doubt on the Sept. 11 commission's push for immediate changes once its final report is released.

The panel of five Republicans and five Democrats also will call for a new Cabinet-level intelligence chief and recommend combining the House and Senate intelligence committees and removing term limits from committee members, according to GOP House leaders informally briefed on the report Tuesday.

"It is time to put somebody in charge of the entire intelligence community, and give that person the budgetary and statutory authority to accomplish the job," said Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., who has introduced a bill to create the position and has bipartisan support from five colleagues.

Yet some Republicans and Democrats are worried such a position would become too political by giving the normally apolitical intelligence chief a seat at the president's policy-making table.

Hastert, R-Ill., says any legislative action on the panel's recommendations probably won't occur until after the next president is inaugurated in January, given the limited time Congress has remaining this year.

Associated Press writer Katherine Pflieger Shriver contributed to this report.

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Bush quiet about agenda for next 4 years

BY DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush's supporters shout "Four more years!" but for now, it's unclear what a second term would bring.

The president has been offering broad-brush descriptions of what he'd do if he were re-elected — "win the war on terror," "extend peace and freedom throughout the world" and "continue to create jobs."

Yet, with just over 100 days until the election, Bush is keeping the details of his plans private.

Bush's advisers say that the run-up to next week's Democratic National Convention in Boston is hardly a good time to outline second-term goals. At a speech Wednesday night at the Washington Convention Center, Bush is expected to take a stab at it.

"I think the president will begin to touch more on some of the broad themes of his vision for the next four years," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Wednesday. "It would be fair to say, I think, that we move beyond the Democratic convention and into our conven-

tion that we will be talking more about the president's agenda going forward."

There's nothing preventing Bush from spelling out his agenda now. President Clinton, when he ran for re-election eight years ago, offered many pre-convention initiatives, such as putting computers in every classroom and giving tax credits for the first two years of college.

But Bush's ability to put forth major, expensive initiatives is restrained by his high deficits and demands by his conservative base of supporters for smaller government.

The president is considering backing efforts to allow lower-priced drugs to be imported from Canada and elsewhere, two Bush advisers say. In May, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said he would advise Bush not to stand in the way of legislation to make it legal for drugs to be imported. That decision would play well in the northern battleground states of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan where busloads of people regularly thumb their noses at the law and travel north of the border to fill their prescriptions.

Bush also is expected to keep calling for medical liability reform, a position that allows him to take an election-year jab at Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards, a former trial lawyer.

One uncertainty at the health front, GOP pollster David Winston says, is whether older Americans during the next few months will embrace the new Medicare prescription card. "You still don't know what the reaction is going to be to the prescription card," he says. "That impacts a very important target group — women 60-plus."

In 2000, Bush campaigned aggressively for an overhaul of Social Security, and since then, he's said he wants to give Americans the ability to invest part of their Social Security contributions in personal savings accounts. Social Security reform is still on Bush's "list of goals," though it will not be a dominant issue, one adviser said.

Likewise, Bush does not mention two initiatives he announced with much fanfare months ago: giving temporary legal status to illegal immigrants or sending astronauts back to the moon by 2020 and ultimately on to Mars.



Vice President Dick Cheney listens as President Bush speaks Wednesday at the White House. The administration has offered few details about how Bush plans to accomplish his goals if re-elected.

Berger calls document flap 'an honest mistake'

BY CURT ANDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former national security adviser Sandy Berger says he regrets the way he handled classified terrorism documents, calling the whole thing "an honest mistake." Republicans say the matter raises questions about whether the former Clinton administration official sought to hide embarrassing materials.

"What information could be so embarrassing that a man with decades of experience in handling classified documents would risk being caught pilfering our nation's most sensitive secrets?" House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said. "Mr. Berger has a lot of explaining to do."

The Justice Department is investigating whether Berger committed a crime by removing from the National Archives copies of documents about the government's anti-terror efforts and notes that he took on those documents. Berger was reviewing the materials to

help determine which Clinton administration documents to provide to the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks.

When news of the investigation surfaced, Berger on Tuesday quit as an informal adviser to John Kerry's presidential campaign to limit the political fallout.

Kerry said later, "Sandy Berger is my friend, and he has tirelessly served this nation with honor and distinction. I respect his decision to step aside as an adviser to this campaign until this matter is resolved objectively and fairly."

Berger told reporters he was not guilty of criminal wrongdoing.

"Last year, when I was in the Archives reviewing documents, I made an honest mistake. It's one that I deeply regret," Berger said. "I dealt with this issue in October 2003 fully and completely. Everything that I have done all along in this process has been for the purpose of aiding and supporting the work of the 9/11 commission, and any suggestion to the contrary is simply, absolutely wrong."



Sandy Berger

Many Democrats, including former President Clinton himself, suggested that politics were behind disclosure of the probe only days before Thursday's scheduled release of the Sept. 11 commission report. That report is expected to be highly critical of the government's response to the growing al-Qaida threat, a potential blow to President Bush's re-election campaign.

"It's interesting timing," Clinton said.

N.Y. subway backpack explosion

NEW YORK — Police are investigating whether a backpack that exploded in a Times Square subway station Monday was planted by the officer who reported it, high-ranking police sources said.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Joseph Rodriguez, 27, has had psychological problems that apparently stem from the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. He helped with the rescue efforts.

Rodriguez was approved for a disability pension last week, and Tuesday, the day after the explosion, was to have been his last day on the job, the sources said.

Critics denounce circus lion death

LOS ANGELES — The death of a circus lion during a train trip from Arizona to California has drawn criticism from an animal advocacy group and the scrutiny of a federal agency.

The lion, named Clyde, was found dead July 12 when the train in which he was traveling stopped outside Fresno, Calif.

The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said a whistleblower reported that Clyde died in a poorly ventilated boxcar as the train traveled through the Mojave Desert. Shannon Pak, a spokeswoman for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, denied the PETA's allegations on Tuesday.

From The Associated Press

Investigators: More killed below impact than believed on 9/11

BY DEVLIN BARRETT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal investigators analyzing evacuation patterns at the World Trade Center estimate more people than previously thought died below the areas hit by the hijacked planes.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology is conducting an extensive review of the collapse of the towers. Between 567 and 610 people died below the impact floors, "somewhat higher than previously thought," lead investigator Shyam Sunder said Tuesday.

The NIST has tried to determine where people died to better understand evacuation responses and craft recommendations that would make skyscrapers safer.

The agency's interim figures estimate 1,466 building occupants died in World Trade Center Tower 1, the vast majority — 1,356 people — at or above the impact site. In Tower 2, the second to be struck, 624 office workers were killed, and only six of those were below the impact site. More than 400 emergency responders were killed in the twin towers below the impact floors.

NIST also has determined 30 other people were killed in the towers below the impact sites, without being able to say which building they were in.

Sunder said between 1,974 and 2,017 people died at or above the areas of impact, a figure slightly

below previous estimates. He said the shift may be explained by the lowering death toll since the first calculations were made in 2002. NIST said it still had no information on where 17 people died.

Altogether, 2,749 people died at the World Trade Center, including those on the hijacked planes, the agency has found.

The main source of information for the analysis came from 300 in-person interviews conducted by the NIST and about 800 phone interviews.

In many cases, the agency was able to use employees' building identification information to determine on which floors they worked. That information was cross-checked against survivor accounts of the evacuations.

The investigators also tallied information gleaned from press accounts and a Web site dedicated to victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The agency had previously estimated that between 16,200 and 18,600 people were in the buildings.

It also determined 18 bystanders or occupants of nearby buildings were killed.

The institute's investigation began two years ago in an effort to determine why the towers collapsed and use those lessons to recommend improvements in building codes, evacuation procedures and other standards. Its final report is due in December.

A cheesy birthday

IN MARYVILLE — Michael P. Monn's birthday celebration went a little awry when he was arrested while drunk, nude and covered with nacho cheese.

Monn was detained early Sunday as he ran toward a Jeep in the parking lot outside a swimming pool snack bar. According to police, he was stark naked and was carrying a box of snacks and a container of nacho cheese.

Monn was charged with burglary, theft of less than \$500, vandalism less than \$500 and public intoxication and was cited for indecent exposure. He was held at the Blount County Jail in lieu of a \$9,300 bond.

It was Monn's 23rd birthday.

Fake poster, real lawsuit

ME BANGOR — A fake wanted poster the owner of an Etna variety store displayed on his cash register as a practical joke has triggered a defamation lawsuit.

Brad Graves sued Ronald Hicks last week in Penobscot County Superior Court, claiming that Hicks damaged his reputation by displaying the poster that labeled him a "terrorist."

Hicks' lawyer characterized the lawsuit as "ridiculous," saying the poster was created as a harmless joke by his client and was aimed at a frequent customer whom he regarded as a friend.

The poster included a photograph of Graves with the words "Mohammed Abdul Graves, suspected leader of the outlaw organization Extreme Activist Terrorism Militia of Etna" or "EATME" under his picture, according to court documents.

And a cherry on top

MI JACKSON — A robbery attempt at an ice cream store resulted in a no-sweet ending for a would-be thief who authorities say knocked over a large container of strawberry syrup and dropped his wallet.

According to police, the 24-year-old man apparently slipped in the goo during the break-in early Monday.

A deputy responding to an alarm after midnight at TJ's Dairy Fence in Jackson, about 90 miles west of Detroit, located the wallet and found a container of syrup spilled on the floor. It was unclear if anything was taken.

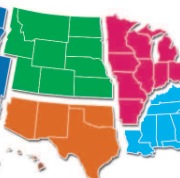
The deputy used the identification card in the wallet to find and arrest the suspect on a charge of breaking and entering.

Constable killed

NY OAK BEACH — A Babylon Bay Town constable was shot to death by a man he tried to pull over for drunken driving, police said. The gunman was later shot to death by police responding to the scene.

A retired New York City police officer who worked one day a week as a constable for the town. He was patrolling the quiet seaside community of Oak Beach at about 3 p.m. Friday when he tried to pull over James Wilson on the Robert Moses Causeway, Suffolk County police said.

Wilson, 42, sped to his home with Brooks in pursuit, police said. He went inside his house, grabbed a



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shotgun, and fired at Brooks from a second-story window, said Suffolk County Police Lt. Jack Fitzpatrick. Wilson then drove his car over Brooks, who had been shot at least once in the chest and died at the scene, police said.

Officers arrived at the scene and confronted Wilson in his car nearby. Police said they shot him when he flashed his shotgun. Wilson died at the hospital.

Massive Big Mac attack

WI FOND DU LAC — Chalk up another meaty milestone for Don Gorske.

The Fond du Lac man downed his 20,000th Big Mac sandwich Monday, while surrounded by spectators at a local McDonald's restaurant.

He already had made the "Guinness World Records" book for eating a record number of Big Macs before he hit number 19,000 in March 2003.

He has been eating the fast food sandwiches since 1972 at a rate of at least one a day, and said he has eaten a Big Mac from every state in the union.

Still, the 6-foot Gorske has maintained his weight at about 170 pounds.

No Pepsi dumping

NY Bottling Group will pay nearly \$3 million in fines and cleanup costs for illegally dumping industrial waste into a creek that empties into Onondaga Lake, state and local officials said last week.



Balloons abound

Air balloons sail over Angel Fire, N.M., during the Wings Over Angel Fire Balloon and Air show.

Under the settlement, the company will pay \$2.78 million to help pay for Onondaga Lake's reclamation projects, said Assistant Onondaga County District Attorney Paul Berry.

The company also will pay \$200,000 in fines for its illegal dumping activities in suburban Syracuse, as well as to settle charges in Utica and Chesterfield, said state Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

According to Berry, Pepsi admitted that it disposed of soft drink syrup mix and other waste soda products into Ley Creek, a tributary of Onondaga Lake, without a permit. The syrup has a high sugar content and the discarded waste has the potential to remove and dissolve oxygen from the water, affecting fish and plant life, said Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Erin Crotty.

Shelter replaces tavern

NE OMAHA — A local homeless shelter has purchased a neighboring bar and plans to build something oddly appropriate where the old tavern now stands: a drug and alcohol treatment center.

South Omaha's Stephen Center bought the South Seven bar this month, said Del Bomberger, executive director of the shelter. He said the bar will be knocked down to make room for a new residential treatment center.

Bomberger said the bar had long been a problem for the shelter, because many of the shelter's patrons had drinking and drug problems and were able to get alcohol and drugs in and around the tavern.

The irony of building a treatment center on land where a bar once stood was not lost on Bomberger.

"It's really kind of a fun conversion," he said.

Boy dies in hot SUV

FL BOCA RATON — A 3-year-old boy died when his dentist father left him inside a sport utility vehicle for three hours, officials said.

Dr. Dennis F. Sierra took his son Andres to work with him last Thursday and left the boy in the car, intending to be in the office for only a short time. Palm Beach County sheriff's spokeswoman Diane Carhart said.

A relative called Sierra about three hours later to ask about the boy, and the father and office employees rushed to the car to find Andres was not breathing.

The boy died about an hour later at West Boca Medical Center. It was not immediately known if any charges would be filed.

Sierra was not arrested, said his lawyer, Michael Salnick.

Can't bear the fans

WI STEVENS POINT — When a black bear wandered into the city and climbed up a tree, residents here didn't panic or rush away. In fact, they did the opposite.

A crowd of screaming, well-wishers gathered underneath the tree, causing the panicked animal to climb farther up and making the limbs wobble.

After waiting 16 hours, a Wildlife Services employee fired two tranquilizers into the 140-pound animal Saturday evening.

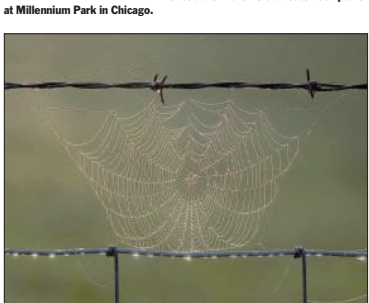
Authorities then dragged the bear onto a forklift and put it into a cage, to the cheers of about 50 onlookers.



On the ceiling

at Millennium Park in Chicago.

Visitors take photographs of and look at reflections in the "Cloud Gate" sculpture



Tangled web

The work of a spider is highlighted by the morning sun as it shines through drops of dew on a farm fence near Glencoe, Ky.



Seriously hungry

Peter Jay sinks his teeth into an original Menches Brothers hamburger at the 19th annual Burger Fest 2004 in Hamburg, N.Y.



After the storm

A rainbow can be seen behind the Stjordalen Lutheran Church in Reynolds, N.D., in rural Traill County after storms pounded the area.



Fields of gold

The immature heads of wheat sway in the gentle breeze as the young field of small grain crop grows next to an old barn south of Huff, N.D.



Out for a ride

Riders taking part in the Sixth annual Cycling the Erie Canal bike tour head down a hill along the Erie Canal in Niskayuna, N.Y.



Just playing around

Themis Kakias, left, and George Karras, of the Greek Tycoons, joke around during a performance as they go to sit on the lap of Dossine Friconi during the 37th annual Middletown Greek Festival at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Middletown, Ohio.

Child's fatal fall

NY POUGHKEEPSIE — A 2-year-old boy died July 14, two days after falling 81 feet from a window.

Police believe the boy's mother was asleep when he fell from the ninth story of a Poughkeepsie apartment building while playing with his siblings. Police believe the death was accidental, but they are continuing to investigate. They did not release the name of the child.

Some tenants and city leaders are calling for mandatory window guards.

No idle trucks

SC COLUMBIA — In an effort to reduce air pollution from idling diesel trucks, South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia plan to offer 150 spaces at Interstate 85 truck stops where truckers can cut their engines and plug in.

The spaces will have a large hose that truckers can connect to their windows. Inside the hose is a system with a heating and air conditioning unit, several outlets and Internet access through a touch-screen computer.

Truckers pay a fee — about \$1.25 an hour — for the services. But they can sleep in their trucks without running the engines.

Allegations may be false

TX SAN ANTONIO — A 17-year-old girl has admitted she told a cellmate that she made up allegations that she had sex with a judge for money as a minor.

Her admission could bring Social Security judge Forrest Elmo Stewart's house arrest to an end.

The girl's testimony came last week during an examining trial. Stewart, 77, has been charged with indecency with a child by sexual contact. He was arrested in April.

The girl has been in jail for two months on burglary charges.

Two dogs euthanized

ME AUGUSTA — Two look-alike wolf-hybrid dogs from the same litter, one of which bit a woman in the leg, have been euthanized following a two-hour hearing in District Court.

The 18-month-old dogs, a male and female, had been placed in quarantine last week after one of them bit Laura Charest of Sidney, who was unable to determine which was the attacker.

Judge Michael Westcott last week ordered both dogs, Polar Bear and Foxy Lady, put down and tested for rabies.

The lawyer representing the dogs' owner, Helen Minoty, sought to have them spared, saying it would be wrong to kill both animals when only one bit Charest.

Juveniles stealing cars

DC WASHINGTON — Facing a growing outcry from the public to put a stop to juvenile car thefts, officials in the nation's capital are vowing to try to solve the problem.

"These are not 'kiddie' car thieves out for a night of fun. These are acts of reckless violence," Mayor Anthony A. Williams said at a public forum Monday night in one

of the hardest hit neighborhoods. In the past three weeks, three people have been killed in collisions involving vehicles allegedly stolen by minors.

Left in the dark

AZ PHOENIX — A fire at an electrical substation early Tuesday left about 50,000 northwest Phoenix homes and businesses without power. It was the second substation fire in the area in two weeks.

All but 13,000 homes and businesses had power restored within two hours of the 2:30 a.m. fire, said Damon Gross, spokesman for Arizona Public Service Co. The fire damaged one of three transformers at a substation, he said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation, Gross said.

Mugged and dragged

FL JACKSONVILLE — A woman was severely beaten by two men who grabbed her purse and then dragged her 60 feet down a street in a sport utility vehicle before running her over, officials said. "She was fighting to get away from them," said police spokesman Ken Jefferson. "Her head hit the pavement."

The woman remained in critical condition.

Kevin Jerome Miller, 27, turned himself in hours after the attack. He was charged with aggravated battery. Police have not arrested the second man.

Theft of JFK items

NY NEW YORK — A warehouse worker charged with stealing personal items that belonged to the late John F. Kennedy Jr. reportedly pleaded guilty to misdemeanor larceny and received a conditional discharge.

The worker, Patrick Gallagher, entered the plea in Manhattan criminal court last week and was fined \$1,000. The New York Times and the New York Post reported.

Prosecutors said Gallagher, a worker for Sotheby's, stole nearly three dozen items, including a 1963 Father's Day card to President Kennedy from his son. He allegedly sold the stored belongings for \$5,000 to pay a debt to a bookie.

Bias settlement checks

TX TULIA — Tulia residents wrongly charged and jailed in falsified drug cases five years ago began getting checks from a \$6 million settlement stemming from a lawsuit claiming the arrests were racially motivated.

Retired Judge Ron Chapman, who decided how the settlement would be divided among the 45 defendants, said distribution of the checks began last week. The defendants will share \$4 million, while some of their attorneys will receive \$2 million.

Civil rights groups claimed the drug cases were racially motivated because 39 of the 46 arrested or charged in the 18-month drug operation were black. Tom Coleman, the former undercover agent who made the arrests, is white.

Gov. Rick Perry granted pardons last year to 35 defendants in Tulia, a small farming and ranching community of about 5,000 between Amarillo and Lubbock.

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

OPINION

U.S. must put Iraq's small arms in its sights

BY RACHEL STOHL

When the United States turned over sovereignty to the new government of Iraq last month, it did so without confronting one of the most pressing problems facing the country: the millions of small arms and light weapons plaguing Iraq's security and threatening its stability. Excluding small arms from the long-term security plan is a deadly mistake.

Since the declared end of major combat operations in May 2003, an average of one American has died every day in Iraq, and more than one-third of those soldiers have been killed by small arms — revolvers, rifles, pistols and the like. Thousands more have been injured and some have been unable to complete their duties because of the level of violence and insecurity fueled by small arms. Moreover, unaccounted Iraqi civilians have been killed, wounded, threatened or terrorized by small arms.

While U.S. policy-makers were consumed with finding weapons of mass destruction, mission planners largely ignored the threat of conventional weapons. Reports estimate that Iraq has perhaps the fourth-largest supply of conventional arms in the world. An embedded reporter in Iraq said military sources told him this included "3 million tons of bombs and bullets, millions of AK-47s and other rifles, rocket launchers and mortar tubes, and thousands of more sophisticated arms like ground-to-air missiles." A 2004 edition of the Public Affairs Survey estimates that at least 7 million to 8 million small arms have fallen into the hands of Iraqi civilians since the fall of Saddam Hussein last year.

One of the additional challenges in dealing with small arms and light weapons in Iraq is the 2003 U.S. policy that allows Iraqis money to keep one weapon. Most have chosen to keep an AK-47 for their personal security, but these arms often find their way out of homes and make their way to the black market or are used for crime and violence.

To address these myriad problems, the United States in mid-May undertook an eight-day gun buyback program in Iraq, offering amnesty and cash in return for weapons — for instance, \$125 for an AK-47. It distributed about \$350,000 a day to individuals turning in weapons, from ammunition to surface-to-air missiles.

The effectiveness of this type of program, however, is questionable. First, Iraqis are not being required to turn in all their weapons. Second, many are buying weapons on the black market and turning them in to the Americans for a profit. There are even credible reports of Iraqis turning in older weapons in order to buy newer models on the street. And in some places, such as Karbala, U.S. troops ran out of money.

The buyback was a symbolic victory, for some weapons were removed from circulation. But it was an ad hoc and short-term program; it did little to increase overall safety and security, nor did it stymie the black market. Moreover, providing the equivalent of a month's salary or in some cities a year's wages to someone who has illegally possessed weaponry no doubt fueled resentment and jealousy and created targets for criminals.

Iraqis would benefit more from community-based weapon-collection programs and



symbolic destruction celebrations. Rather than an individual receiving cash for each weapon turned in, neighborhoods could receive services that benefit the entire group — job training or the building of a post office or soccer field. With good incentives, such programs have worked in other nations. In all cases, the United States must destroy weapons quickly, preferably in a public demonstration, and securely stockpile those that have yet to be destroyed.

On June 22, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the

House Armed Services Committee that the United States should "expect more violence, not less, in the immediate weeks ahead." Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz told the same committee that the U.S. had "underestimated" the threat from insurgents in Iraq, and that the U.S. military could keep "a significant number" of U.S. troops in Iraq for "years to come." Developing a coherent, long-term strategy for small arms is not only prudent, it is lifesaving.

Rachel Stohl is senior analyst at the Center for Defense Information in Washington. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Many troops are in nations that can defend themselves

BY RAJAN MENON

At a congressional hearing July 7, the Army's new chief of staff, Gen. Richard A. Cody, answered the rhetorical question of whether U.S. military forces were stretched too thin with a resounding "absolutely."

It doesn't take the genius of Clausewitz to figure out what's obvious: With 135,000 troops assigned to the war in Iraq, 17,000 in Afghanistan, 37,500 in South Korea, 47,000 in Japan and 100,000 in Europe, saying that we are overstretched is putting it mildly. In all, there are 368,900 U.S. troops in 120 countries.

Some plastic steps have been taken or are being contemplated to cope with the pressure.

Nearly 40 percent of the available National Guard and Reserve forces have been tapped for missions in Afghanistan and Iraq.

So-called stop-loss policies have been implemented to prevent soldiers from leaving units that have received orders to deploy. The Pentagon has called up 5,600 soldiers from postactive-duty "retirement." And policy wonks have brought up reinstituting the draft — though, for political reasons, this effort is unlikely to gain footing.

All of our problems in Iraq cannot be blamed on insufficient forces — the reliance on 135,000 troops to wage a counterinsurgency in a country of 25 million people and an area larger than California. It doesn't help that as yet no Iraqi troops with the numerical strength and training to serve as true partners have emerged. As American casualties in Iraq mount, it will be harder to get people to enlist or re-enlist. And for those already engaged in combat, insufficient numbers make the inherent risks of war greater still.

Nor are we likely to see a diminished need for our military's involvement, although the pre-eminent problem of the current world will not be wars among the major powers but rather upheavals within weaker states — ethnic conflicts, failed governments, humanitarian crises and terrorism.

So what is to be done? One obvious step is to avoid military engagement under the rubric of "regime change" absent a clear and present danger. The toppling of the Taliban, which occurred after that odious regime refused to turn over the mastermind behind the 9/11 massacres, met the standard. But the Iraq war, it is evident by now, did not.

Another approach is to reassess the military commitments inherited from the Cold War. What precisely are 100,000 U.S. troops doing in Europe? Against whom is

Europe being defended? And why is the European Union, whose economy and population exceed that of the United States, incapable of meeting its own defense needs now that the days of a war-torn, weak Europe and the specter of German revanchism and Soviet aggression are long gone?

A similar question must be asked in Japan. Against what threat are 47,000 U.S. troops defending that country, which, with a \$3.5 trillion economy, spends barely 1 percent of its GNP on defense, compared with our 3.7 percent? The idea that a self-sufficient Japan would return to the imperialism of the 1930s simply won't wash anymore.

South Korea, too, can wean itself from its current reliance on the United States. True, it faces a real danger from a militarized, dictatorial and mercenary North Korea. But it is also one of the world's fore-

most economic powers, a technological leader and an industrial giant. It has the wealth to purchase or to manufacture all of the weaponry needed for its defense.

The point of such rethinking should not be to revert to isolationism or even to shuffle military units around. Rather, it should be part of an effort to cut ourselves loose from Cold War conceptions, to take stock of the world we live in now and to make cleared choices about where the new dangers lie and how we can best face them.

It's also time that we review what we can afford to do for others, and what the stockpiles should be encouraged to do for themselves. If we avoid such a recalculation, we will perpetuate outdated strategies, continue to overextend our military and persist in the strategic infantilization of our allies.

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Mallard Fillmore

Meanwhile, at the Kerry compound...

BILL COSBY'S GONNA MAKE BLACKS THINK THEY DON'T NEED US TO SUCCEED!

HE'S TREATING THEM LIKE... LIKE... ADULTS?

EXACTLY! HOW CAN WE SHUT HIM UP?? I COULD OFFER HIM A CABINET POST...

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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Mary-Kate to get out

After six weeks at a treatment facility for a health-related issue, Mary-Kate Olsen, the brunette half of the Olsen twins, is "doing well" and her fans can "expect her to return home soon," her publicist, Michael Pagnotta, said Tuesday.

The 18-year-old actress has been reported to be battling an eating disorder.

People magazine said Tuesday that Mary-Kate will be released this weekend, return home to her family and begin preparing for college in the fall.

Mary-Kate, and her blond twin sister, Ashley, turned 18 in June. They plan to attend New York University in the fall.

They've been acting together since they were 9 months old, most notably on the sitcom "Full House" and in a series of direct-to-video movies. They've also attached their names to a line of products ranging from clothing to beauty items to home decorating merchandise.

Their big-screen debut, "New York Minute," did poorly at the box office after its May release.

Director needed

Tom Cruise better hope his latest mission is anything but impossible: find a new director for "Mission: Impossible 3" ASAP.

Cruise, who's starring and co-producing the spy sequel, needs to find a new director fast, now that filmmaker Joe Carnahan has bailed on the project, citing the usual "creative differences," reports E!Online.

With production on the third installment in Paramount's blockbuster franchise scheduled to begin next month, the 42-year-old Cruise needs to start working the Rolodex.

Carnahan is the latest filmmaker to drop out. "Seven" director David Fincher was originally signed to do "MI-3" but opted out for another project.

Travolta to tell all?

John Travolta is already an actor, singer and pilot. Now he may add "author" to that list, reports MSNBC.com.

The "Pulp Fiction" and "Get Shorty" star is planning to write a book about his life, says a source, and his people have been calling publishing houses to set up meetings between the star and editors.

The source adds that it's "highly unusual" for a star who not too long ago was reportedly earning \$20 million a movie to write about his life. "Usually, it's the lesser stars or someone in the twilight of his career or country and western stars," said the source, who added that it's "unclear" whether Travolta will address tabloid reports that have haunted him.

"He certainly has an interesting story to tell," said the source, who said he was told "not to be surprised" if Travolta wants to write about the influence his religion, Scientology, has had on his life.

From wire services

Let's get ready to ogle

There's no shortage of competitors as WWE seeks a RAW Diva finalist

BY LYNN ELBER

The Associated Press

MARINA DEL REY, CALIF.

There were twins, two sets, all very blond. There were women in low-cut blouses, high-cut skirts and enough lip gloss to put a good shine on a midsize car.

Grunting, groaning and airborne bodies were nowhere to be seen when more than 100 hopefuls gathered for World Wrestling Entertainment's RAW Diva contest.

Instead, mirror space was at a premium in a ballroom of the seaside Ritz-Carlton Hotel as the women meticulously primed for interviews and photos.

A perfumed cloud lingered heavily in the restroom.

"Wow, you can sure smell a lot of hair products in here," one would-be diva marveled.

It's sweetness, not sweat, WWE wants in the winner who will get a \$250,000, yearlong contract. Viewers of Spike TV's Monday night two-hour "RAW" programming block will decide the outcome over the next two months.

Tryouts also were held in Chicago and New York, yielding a field of 28 contestants who were winnowed to 10 finalists on a live special that aired last week July 15 on Spike.

Is wrestling, long seen as a bastion of

trash and flash, going soft?

No, just trying to gradually class up its act, said Kevin Dunn, WWE executive vice president of television production.

"It's easy to go lowbrow," he said. "That's not where we're going with our product in general, or this search. We'll be fighting our image for 50 years, because there's 50 years (of tradition) before us, and we understand that."

Of the future diva, he said, "On the pedestal here and who can represent the WWE in a class — I wouldn't say sophisticated — but a classy, nice manner."

What she will actually do remains to be defined.

The diva doesn't need to wrestle but could if she wanted. She might become an announcer, a global WWE representative or a "character" in the WWE family that includes wrestlers Triple H, John Cena and Torrie Wilson.

"Our show is entertainment and this woman will have what it takes to entertain our fans," said Lisa Lee, WWE director of global television business affairs. "We can work with her to develop and showcase that ability in a number of ways."

Through telephone and Internet voting, viewers will dump one contestant each week until three are left. The winner will be chosen on the Sept. 13 installment of "RAW."

Weekly competitions, yet to be designed, will help viewers decide the most diva-esque individual. Really skimpy attire also will help guide the audience in its decision-making.

Contestants, trying to cover all bases, tossed a grab bag of credentials at judges in the tryouts. Up to 7,000 women responded to the open call for diva applicants; only a few hundred made the semifinal cut.

Jennifer R. Lopez (not THAT J Lo, as far as we know) listed the victory in the Hawaiian Tropic modeling contest and talents including "belyddancing, cartoon voices, stabs a knife through her fingers very fast." A finalist? Yes!

Carmella DeCesare, another finalist, was Playboy.com's February 2003 Cyber Girl of the Month and 2004 Playmate of the Year. She also appeared in ads for swim-

Nina Hardin competes for the title of Diva and a \$250,000 contract with World Wrestling Entertainment.



AP photos

Brandy Michelle Bourgoin, center, and other women competing for a \$250,000 contract with World Wrestling Entertainment prepare for the WWE's RAW Diva contest at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in the Marina Del Rey area of Los Angeles earlier this month.

wear, toothpaste and Pampers.

Twins Julia and Chandra Costello, whose credits include serving as original "juggernauts" on "The Man Show," both made the cut. Kimmy and Amy Brown, the other Los Angeles-area twin set,

gal, who tried out with friend Heather Tindell. "They're looking for a host and that's what we like to do."

Although not a wrestling fan, "I could easily turn into one," offers McDougal, a model, actress and the 1998 Playmate of the Year. Her host credits include "E! Wild On" and Playboy TV.

McDougal's age? "Next question."

A few out-of-towners came to this diva search, but the pre-screened group was mostly a familiar Los Angeles mix drawn to yet another chance for fame and fortune — beauty required, talent optional.

"Right now, I'm just doing the L.A. thing," said Tiffany Holliday, a former Playboy bunny who could be kin to Pamela Anderson and who was urged by a "fan in Texas" to try out.

After living at Hugh Hefner's mansion for two years, she figures: "I think I've been in training for this. I think I can definitely handle it."

She didn't make the finals, but Holliday has bigger dreams: the novel she's writing and the screenplay she hopes will follow.

Willoway model-actress Nina Hardin professed a longtime love of wrestling ("I grew up watching Hulk Hogan") and said the money and chance to get on TV were equally appealing.

One of the finalists, Hardin is ready for whatever divahood might take her.

"I'm up to any possibility, any opportunity. I'm a spontaneous, fun type of girl. It's all good."

"Our show is entertainment and this woman will have what it takes to entertain our fans."

Lisa Lee

WWE director of global television business affairs

were cruelly divided: Kimmy is in, her sister is out.

In a promotional spot for the diva contest included in last Monday's "RAW," one twin, presumably the loser, was seen softly weeping. Turns out there is crying in wrestling.

More than a bruised ego is at stake. There's the money and exposure that could lead to ... well, that's anybody's guess.

"RAW" is consistently the top-rated series on ad-supported cable, attracting up to 7 million weekly viewers, although many contestants were unfamiliar with the show or sport.

"It's not about wrestling for me," said finalist Karen McDou-

Horoscope

The sun enters Leo, the sign of drama, passion, generosity and childlike bravado. You'll feel the fire-sign energy swell — there's so much to do in only a few hours, but somehow, the impossible seems possible. Go with the bright, almost overzealous impulse to please. Everyone is trying to impress, so the extra effort will be endearing.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

July 22: You're pushing yourself to do more than ever this year, and as a result, you will finally feel that you're ahead of the game. Place a high price on your services now, or ask for a raise — you'll be paid what you request. Seize the opportunity to travel in September, and you'll probably need a passport! Singles find love at reunions or through old friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You won't get through all of things you wanted to do today, but there's no need to punish yourself or get dramatic. The truth is that you consistently set your goals higher than you know you can achieve.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're perpetually striving to make your work more effective and relevant. Your style of accomplishing this is different from that of those just above you. Meld with the current flow. Casual interviews help you see the whole picture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're focused on and affected by your surroundings. It seems you can't always choose them (or can you?), but you can choose how you deal with them. A gentle but firm approach prevents you from overobligating your time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll be feeling sentimental but are better off cutting attachments to the past. You can move forward easily if you decide to embrace what's new. The more ambitious a project, the more likely you are to accomplish it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Feeling creatively blocked? There are ways around it. Try to see your work as a rational, purposeful activity that you

control instead of some invisible influence that magically moves through you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Planets are challenging your ability to remain secure in the face of temptation. You may struggle with your own compulsive behaviors, but in this struggle, you are perfecting your habits. With consistent effort, you will



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've got uncommon talents, so encourage them. You'll know you're making progress when people of a certain community seek your opinions and insights — and it feels wonderful to be accepted by the group.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't be shy — get into the center of things! The closer you are to the meat of the matter, the more you'll understand the truth of what's going on, and the more effective you'll be. Friends want to rise to your standard.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The lines that define different kinds of love get blurry. You might find yourself asking why you've set up so many restrictions in relationships. Maybe it suddenly seems just fine to be friends with your ex-love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be amazed how many people really believe in your ability — but it's not amazing at all. Work on fortifying your own belief in what you do. Meanwhile, the world seems to expect you to create on demand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Competition is a tremendous motivator. But treats and fun can also be effective motivators! Socialize, and make contacts that can help your financial future. Attendance at a social function begins a popularity cycle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Optimism is in short supply, so if you've got it, share it with everyone around! Luck comes when you reach out to people who are very different from you. Happiness is learning about someone else's culture and trying things their way.

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Calvin and Hobbes



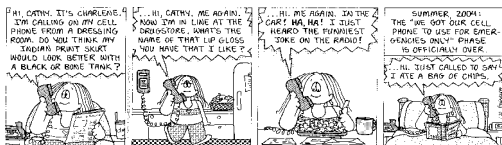
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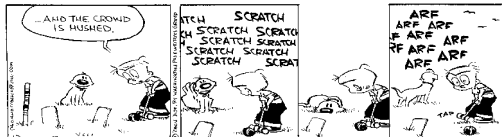
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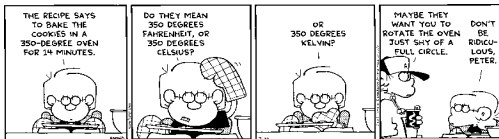
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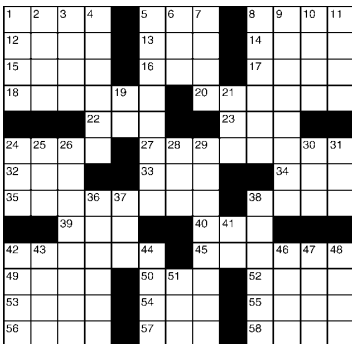
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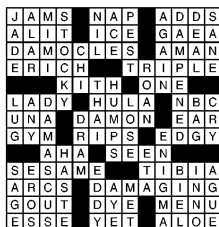
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Stepchildren must be accepted

Dear Abby: "Unwilling Step-mother in New Mexico" told you she "can't stand" her fiancé's 3-year-old daughter and knows she will be forced to care for the child because the mother doesn't want her.

"Unwilling" should do all three of them a huge favor and end the relationship. I married a woman two years ago and when my sons were 19 and 21, He had no children of his own and assured me he would accept mine unconditionally.

Now I am constantly berated for not "putting him first" or consulting him each and every time I want to spend time with my sons or help them. I'm heart sick that I didn't see this before I married him.

If "Unwilling" has any doubts, she should not go through with the marriage. I am seriously contemplating divorce because I see no other option.

— Fooled in Texas

Dear Fooled: I advised "Unwilling" that unless she can accept her fiancé and his daughter as a package deal and learn to love the little girl, that marriage would be a disservice to all of them. Thank you for adding the voice of experience. Read on:

Dear Abby



Dear Abby: "Unwilling Step-mother" seems to be more like a child than an adult. When she became serious with her fiancé, how could she not realize that his little girl would be a big part of her life? "Unwilling" needs serious family counseling, or to get out of there. She also seems to have no clue about child development. Most 3-year-olds have a very self-centered view of life. They must be lovingly taught to become giving as they grow.

I married a man with two children eight years ago. As part of our marriage vows, I promised

to love his children as my own. It wasn't easy, but today I am reaping the rewards of having two wonderful stepchildren and one biological child. I became very ill after the baby was born, and who do you think was always there to help? Yes — both of my stepchildren. I love them as my own and could not imagine life without them.

— Disgusted in California

Dear Disgusted: You have made some excellent points in your letter. However, for family counseling to work, all parties have to be honest with each other and willing to compromise. "Unwilling" would be the little one's primary caregiver — and her mind seemed pretty well made up. Her question was whether she should level with her fiancé about her feelings and tell him she's leaving — or wait for him to figure out how she felt and give her his walking papers.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, St. Louis, MO 63169. Readers can write to Abby on the internet at <http://www.ueppress.com/dearabby>. Universal Press Syndicate

JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Ans: □ □ □ □ □ TO "□ □ □ □ □"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton The 920,000 PCs have been DISCONTINUED



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's

Jumbles: CHICK ALBUM ENCORE ANSWER

Answer: What he ended up with when he drove after some drinks — A "CHASER"

Staying with ex-in-laws can be avoided

Dear Annie: I am having a conflict with my ex-husband's parents. My children and I plan to take a vacation near their home, and Grandma and Grandpa want us to stay with them. I am not comfortable with this, as they continue to support their son in his choice of an unhealthy lifestyle (alcohol and drugs), which is damaging and unsafe for our children to be around.

I know they want to see their grandchildren, but I want my kids to be protected from their unhealthy influence. What should I do?

— Confused in California

Dear Confused: You do not have to stay with the ex-in-laws in order for the children to see their grandparents, under your supervision, for a short time. Simply thank them for their generous offer, tell them you already have reservations elsewhere (make sure you do), and ask when it would be convenient to visit.

Annie's Mailbox



Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Against Guns in Lawrence, Kan.," who is concerned about her child being invited to the homes of playmates whose parents own guns. I agree that parents have the duty to set limits for their children. The problem is, how do you know if the parents have guns?

Please tell "Lawrence" to teach her children what to do if they encounter a gun. Encourage her to enroll her children in the NRA's Eddie Eagle program, which teaches children who see a gun:

- Don't touch it.
- Leave the area.
- Go tell an adult.

These rules work. I know, because besides being a father of a 7-year-old, I also am a police officer with 17 years' experience.

— S.M., Police Officer, North Carolina

Dear Officer: Several readers recommended a gun safety pro-

gram, and we cannot argue with the logic of teaching children how to protect themselves. Nonetheless, parents should know all they can about their children's play environment. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: I am writing to thank you for your thoughtful response to "Against Guns in Lawrence, Kan." I applaud her for being aware that her son's playmate's family has a gun. So many of us, unfortunately, don't ask. We don't think to do so or aren't comfortable bringing up the topic. But more than 40 percent of American homes with children also contain guns. In 25 percent of these homes, guns are kept loaded and unlocked. Asking can save lives.

— Shikha Hamilton, National Spokesmom, Million Mom March

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Family Circus



"I saw it on TV once, but it looked littler."

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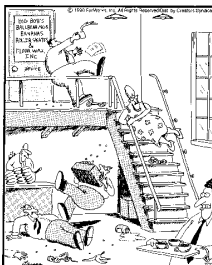


Demis the Menace



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The Far Side



Non Sequitur



Major League Baseball scoreboard

American League

East Division	L	Pct	GB
New York	58	43.00	0
Baltimore	51	37.50	7 1/2
Tampa Bay	45	34.40	13 1/2
Toronto	40	30.00	18 1/2
West Division			
Minnesota	50	33.33	—
Chicago	46	32.00	4 1/2
Cleveland	46	32.00	4 1/2
Seattle	44	32.00	6 1/2
Kansas City	34	27.34	15 1/2

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Chicago White Sox (Garcia 7-8) at Cleveland (Lindstrom 6-7), 4th game	
Oakland (Redman 6-7) at Seattle (Franklin 3-8)	

Friday's games

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Anaheim at Seattle	
Texas at Oakland	

Tuesday

Orioles 12, Royals 3

Tampa Bay (Ortiz 2-3) at Yankees
 (Santana 8-5)
 Anaheim (Colon 7-8) at Texas (Ric.Rodriguez 3-0)
 Chicago White Sox (Garcia 7-8) at Cleveland (Sabathia 5-4)
 Oakland (Redman 6-7) at Seattle (R.Fraulin 3-8)

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Wednesday

Red Sox 9, Mariners 7

BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	b	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	h	b
BRbrts 2b	3	1	1	0	Djesus cf	3	1	1	0
Llopez 2b	2	0	1	1	Griffin 2b	4	0	1	0
Newhn dh	5	1	1	0	JBtista 3b	1	4	0	0
Mora 3b	4	1	0	1	MSwy 1b	3	3	0	0
Tejada ss	5	2	2	2	Stairs rf	4	0	0	0
RPimo 1b	5	1	2	1	Harvey dh	5	0	0	0
KGarca cf	5	2	2	5	DBrown lf	5	5	0	0
Hrst Jr rf	2	1	1	0	Berroa ss	3	1	0	0
Matos cf	3	0	0	0	Djcksn ss	3	1	0	0
Bigbie lf	5	1	3	2	Riafor 3b	5	1	0	0
McChado c	4	2	2	1	ACstillo c	5	0	0	0
Totals	43	12	16	12	Totals	39	3	10	10
Baltimore					Kansas City	233	303	100	100

Thursday

Yankees 4, Devil Rays 2

ston Jr. (14), Machado (3), DeJesus (2), Sta-					
(8), DJackson (2), HR—Tejada (17), KGarcia					
(2), Bigbie (9), Machado (1). CS—Harvey (5)					
	IP	H	R	ER	BB
Baltimore					
Cabrera W-B-3	5	8	3	2	4
Rodriguez	3	2	0	0	1
Parrish	1	2	0	0	0
Kansas City					
Greinke L-2-7	2	9	8	8	0
DReyes	4	5	3	3	2
Field	2	2	1	1	0
Bukvich	1	0	0	0	0
Greinke pitched to 3 batters in the 3rd					
HBP—by Rodriguez					(MISwennen)

Friday

Twins 5, Tigers 4 (10)

NEW YORK		TAMPA BAY	
	ab r h bi		ab r h bi
BWilms dh	3 1 0 0	Cwrfdr dh	3 0 1 0
Jeter ss	2 1 1 0	JoCruz rf	4 0 0 0
TLClark 1b	1 0 1 1	Baldelli cf	4 0 0 0
Shiffeld rf	5 1 1 3	Huff 3b	3 1 0 0
ARdrzg 3b	4 0 1 0	Lugo ss	3 0 1 0
JaGbl 1b	4 0 0 0	TMrtnz 1b	4 0 0 0
Cairo 2b	0 0 0 0	Cantu 2b	4 0 0 0
Posada c	3 0 0 0	THall c	3 0 0 0
Matsui f	3 0 0 0	Gthrght rf	3 1 0 0
EWilson 2b	3 1 1 0		
Lofton cf	3 0 1 0		
Totals	31 4 6 4	Totals	31 2 4 4
New York		100 002 001	

Saturday

Cardinals 13, Cubs 8

	IP	H	R	ER	BB
New York					
Contreras W-3	7	4	2	1	2
Gordon	1	1	0	0	0
MRivera 5.34	1	1	0	0	0
Tampa Bay					
Zambrano L9-6	5 ² / ₃	5	3	3	3
TreMiller	² / ₃	0	0	0	0
JoSosa	2 ² / ₃	0	1	1	3
Seay	0	1	0	0	0
Harper	¹ / ₃	0	0	0	0
Seay pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. HB by Zambrano (Posada), by Zambrano					

Sunday

Rangers 6, White Sox 4

WICHITA	TEXAS
Winn 1b	3 1 1 0
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Winn 1b	3 1 1 0
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Winn 1b	3 1 1 0
Winn 1b	3 1 1 0
Winn 1b	3 1 1 0

Athletics 1, Blue Jays 0 (14)

TORONTO	ab r h bi	OAKLAND	ab r h bi
Jhanson if	6 0 0 0	Kotsay cf	4 0 0 0
Hinske 3b	6 0 1 0	Byrnes if	3 0 0 0
VWells cf	5 0 0 0	McLmEr if	5 0 0 0
CDlGdo 1b	5 0 0 0	EHChaz 3b	4 0 0 0
Zaun dh	4 0 0 0	Dyfe rf	4 0 0 0
Rios rf	6 0 1 0	Hye 1b	5 0 0 0
Scutaro ph	5 0 0 0	Duazao dh	4 0 0 0
Gomez ss	4 0 0 0	Crosby ss	5 0 0 0
CLtInoto ph	0 0 0 0	DMiller c	6 0 0 0
Wldwrd ss	0 0 0 0	Scutaro 2b	4 0 0 0
OHudson 2b	5 0 1 0		
Cash c	3 0 0 0		
McIncho ph	1 0 0 0		
Adams ph	0 0 0 0		
LGtbnr p	0 0 0 0		
Berra lf	0 0 0 0		

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Billard 2b	4	1	1	0	Ekstins ss	4
Brsrd 1b	1	1	1	0	Figgins 3b	4
Crisp cf	6	4	4	1	Gandson cf	1
Lawton lf	4	1	2	1	JMolina 1b	4
Gerut rf	1	0	0	0	VGrero dh	2
VMrtnc z	5	1	3	4	Erstad 1b	2
Blake 3b	4	1	0	0	Halter 3b	2
Hafner dh	4	3	4	6	DVnon rf	2
Merloni 1b	5	1	1	0	Quinlan lf	2
Little rf	5	0	2	1	BMolina c	2
Vizquel ss	0	0	0	0	Paul c	2
JMCld ss	5	1	1	1	AKndy 2b	2
Totals	44	14	19	14	Totals	36
Cleveland					304	012
Anaheim					000	010
E-JMcDonald (4), Figgins (11), Halter (11),						

Wednesday

Red Sox 9, Mariners 7

(1), Dantonio (5), SF—Thamer.					
	IP	H	R	E	
Cleveland					
Westbrook W,7-5	7	10	5	5	
RiWhite	2	2	0	0	
Anaheim					
Washburn L,10-5	5 1/3	13	10	9	
Shields	2 1/3	4	3	3	
Frodriguez	1	2	1	1	
Westbrook pitched to 4 batters in the					
HBP—by Shields (Bellard).					
A—40,000 (45,030).					
Red Sox 9, Mariners 7					
BOSTON	SEATTLE				

Thursday

Yankees 4, Devil Rays 2

MRmrz dh	3 2 1 1	EMrtzn dh	6
Kapler lf	0 0 0 0	Jcbns 1b	5
Grcprf ss	5 1 2 0	Spiezio 3b	5
Nixon rf	4 1 1 2	Olivo c	4
Mrbelli c	5 1 2 0	Bcchca cf	3
Varitek c	0 0 0 0	Ibanez lf	2
Mueller 3b	4 0 1 0	Blmqst ss	1
McCty 1b	5 1 1 1	Hansen ph	1
		Cbrra ss	1
Totals	37 9 10 9	Totals	43
Boston		000	800
Seattle		100	102

E—Bloomquist (4). LOB—Boston 9, 16, 2B—Bellhorn (20), Garciaparra (6), bell (6), BBoone 2 (16), Olivo 2 (9), HR tz (26), MRamirez (27), SB—Isuzuki,

Friday

Twins 5, Tigers 4 (10)

D Lowe W,8-9	5	9	4	4
L Leskanic	1	2	0	0
T Timlin	1	3	1	1
J JoNelson	1/3	2	2	2
E Embree	2/3	1	0	0
F Foulke S,15	1	1	0	0
Seattle				
P Pineiro L,5-11	3 2/3	7	8	8
S Sherrill	2 2/3	1	0	0
H Hasegawa	2	1	1	1
M MMyers	1	1	0	0

D Lowe pitched to 2 batters in the HBP—by JoNelson (Winn). WP—A PB—Olivo. T—3:50. A—46,024 (47,447).

Twins 5, Tigers 4 (10)

Saturday

Cardinals 13, Cubs 8

Punto 5	3	1	1	0	Hognsn rf	3
Lford lf	4	2	2	0	lRdrz c	3
Mrneau 1b	4	1	1	3	DYong dh	3
Thinter cf	4	0	1	0	CGillen ss	3
JJones rf	3	1	1	2	RWhite lf	1
Koskie 3b	5	0	0	0	CPena 1b	5
LeCroy c	2	0	0	0	Monroe cf	1
HBlinc c	1	0	0	0	Inge cf	1
CDwyer 2b	3	0	0	0	Munson 3b	4
Rivas 2b	0	0	0	0		
Totals	34	5	6	5	Totals	39
Minnesota					013	000
					200	200
Detroit—Minnesota 1, Detroit 1. LOB—Mil-						
ta 8, Detroit 10. 2B—Lford (22), Thunter						
JSmith (4). HR—Morneau (4), JJones						

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WICHITA	TEXAS
Winn 1b	3 1 1 0
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Winn 1b	3 1 1 0

Cardinals 13, Cubs 8

hbi	Loftis	5	7	4
0 0	Romero	1	1	0
0 0	Barlow W-4-1	3	2	0
2 0	Nathan S,26	1	0	0
2 0	Detroit			
2 0	Bonderman	6	5	4
1 0	Yan	2	0	0
1 0	Urbina L3-4	2	1	1
3 1	HBP—by Yan (LeCroy). PE			
3 1	T—3:19. A—23,227 (40,120).			
0 0	Rangers 6, White Sox 3			
	CHICAGO	TEXAS		
	ab r h bi	ab r h bi		
WHiars 2b	3 0 1 0	MYoung ss	3 0 1 0	
Vlentin ss	5 1 1 0	Blalock 3b	4 1 1 0	
Calfee lf	4 1 2 1	ASrano 2b	4 1 1 0	
CEvrt dh	2 1 1 0	Filmer dh	3 1 1 0	

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Indians extend home-run binge vs. Angels

Hafner belts three of hard-hitting Cleveland's six longballs in 14-5 rout

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Travis Hafner hated to leave Anaheim so much, he was the last guy out of the shower in the Cleveland Indians' clubhouse.

Hafner hit three homers to match a major league record with five in two games, leading the Indians to a 14-5 rout of the Anaheim Angels on Tuesday.

"Hitting three home runs is pretty special because it doesn't happen very often — especially to me," said Hafner, who had a three-homer game in Double-A ball and another in college. "I guess I can enjoy this one on the plane ride."

Hafner, who went deep in the third, fifth and ninth, was the second player to hit three home runs Tuesday, joining St. Louis slugger Albert Pujols.

He had two homers and five RBIs in Monday night's 8-5 victory — including a go-ahead, three-run shot in the 10th against Troy Percival.

"This is just a place that I'm really comfortable playing in and it's got a good backdrop," Hafner said. "I see the ball pretty good here and I was able to put some good swings on the ball."

Hafner's six RBIs gave him 11 in the two-game series, tying Earl Averill's franchise record for a two-game span. Averill did it in a doubleheader against the Washington Senators on Sept. 17, 1930.

The last time two major league players hit three homers on the same day was Aug. 10, 1902, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.



Victor Martinez, left, congratulates Cleveland Indians teammate Travis Hafner on his fifth-inning home run against the Anaheim Angels on Tuesday in Anaheim, Calif. Hafner hit three home runs for 6 RBIs as the Indians defeated the Angels 14-5. Hafner has driven in 11 runs in the past two games.

That day, Sammy Sosa connected three times for the Chicago Cubs at Coors Field, and Philadelphia's Mike Lieberthal did it in Los Angeles.

Twenty-six players have hit five homers in a two-game span. The last Cleveland player to do it

was Manny Ramirez, on Sept. 15-16, 1998.

It was the second three-homer game by an Indians player this season. Victor Martinez did it Friday at Seattle, when Cleveland tied a franchise mark with eight home runs.

Cleveland hit six Tuesday against the Angels, including solo shots by John McDonald and Coco Crisp and a three-run drive by Martinez in the eighth. The Indians have homered in a season-high eight straight games and have hit 23 during this stretch.

Hafner raised his home run total this season to 17, three more than he hit as a rookie last year. His two drives off Jarrod Washburn (10-5) and a solo shot in the ninth against Francisco Rodriguez made him the seventh player to hit three homers in a game this season.

"I don't think Travis is a streak hitter," McDonald said. "I've been watching his at-bats all year, so I've seen his patience at the plate, the pitches he swings at and the pitches he doesn't swing at."

"He's hit a lot of balls hard and made a lot of solid outs, so he's been a very consistent hitter all year. He's definitely a big man in the middle of our lineup, and he lifts the guys around him."

All-Star Jake Westbrook (7-5) won for the first time in seven starts since June 14, when he beat Baltimore 14-0 with a four-hitter. The right-hander was charged with five runs and 10 hits in seven-plus innings after being staked to a 10-1 lead through six.

"It helps a lot because it allows you to go after guys and be aggressive, which is the way I like to pitch, anyway," Westbrook said.

Washburn allowed 10 runs — nine earned — in 7 1/3 innings. Career-worst 13 hits in 5 1/3 innings.

It was the second time in four starts that the left-hander gave up four home runs. The Oakland Athletics did it against him July 1 in a 7-3 victory — also a day game.

"You shake your head, try to laugh it off and worry about the next one," Westbrook said. "It's not hard to forget about something like this."

A's break through after Harden, Bush trade zeros

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Dave Bush and Rich Harden seemed capable of trading scoreless innings forever.

But Damian Miller is a decade older and a good bit wiser than both young starting pitchers, and he doesn't have that kind of time.

Miller broke up Bush's no-hit bid in the eighth, then won the game with a bases-loaded single in the 14th inning of the Oakland Athletics' 1-0 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday.

Bush and Harden allowed one hit apiece through eight innings, but the game stretched on long after the duel between promising young right-handers ended in a draw. Instead, it was decided by Harden's 34-year-old catcher, who punctuated his recent season with the two biggest hits in a game dominated by pitching.

"At [that] point in the game, you just want to get on with it," Miller said of his eighth-inning single. "I felt I had a pretty good day blocking the plate, a couple of hits. I'm tired. I'm really tired, now that I'm thinking about it, and I have to play tomorrow."

Then, Miller finally got back to his locker, after two beers waiting on his chair — courtesy of manager Ken Macha,



Toronto's David Bush took a no-hitter into the eighth inning, when he gave up a single to Damian Miller. The Athletics won 1-0.

after Miller jokingly asked for some refreshment during the game.

"I got service from the manager today," he said. "That doesn't happen often."

Jermaine Dye died off the 14th with a single off Justin Speier (2-6), Toronto's sixth pitcher. After a sacrifice bunt and two walks, Miller singled to nearly the same spot as his eighth-inning single to left.

It was Oakland's longest 1-0 game since 1968, but the extra innings weren't nearly as impressive as the first eight. Bush was spectacular in his third major league start, allowing one hit and three

walks while striking out six. The 24-year-old Pittsburgh native was recalled from Triple-A Syracuse on July 2 to key the rotation spot of struggling Pat Hentgen.

"For the most part, I was throwing strikes to both sides of the plate," Bush said. "In the fourth or fifth inning, I started thinking about [a no-hitter]. I knew what was going on."

But Harden matched Bush, yielding two hits and three walks while striking out eight in 8 1/3 innings — the longest start of his career.

"I was in a pretty good rhythm," Harden said. "I was able to make my pitches. It's good to fare well against those guys."

Justin Lehr (1-1) escaped a bases-loaded jam with one out in the 12th and retired the side in the 13th and 14th, earning his first major league win as the teams split a two-game series.

Yankees 4, Devil Rays 2: Gary Sheffield hit his 397th homer and drove in three runs at Tropicana Field, backing Jose Contreras, who won his fourth straight decision since being reunited with his wife and children from Cuba last month.

Contreras (8-3) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings to beat Victor Zambrano (9-6) for the second time in 12 days.

Mariano Rivera got his AL-leading 34th save in 35 chances, moved within one of Rick Aguilera for 10th place on the career list with 317.

Red Sox 9, Mariners 7: Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz hit consecutive homers to key Boston's eight-run fourth inning in Seattle.

Derek Lowe (8-9) gave up four runs and nine hits in five innings. Keith Foulke, who pitched two innings the previous night, got three outs for his 15th save in 20 chances.

Orioles 12, Royals 3: Karim Garcia began his second stint with Baltimore with two home runs and five RBIs, and the visiting Orioles tied a club record with 11 extra-base hits against Kansas City.

Garcia, acquired Monday from the New York Mets for reliever Mike DeJean, was 0-for-16 in eight games for the Orioles in 2000.

Miguel Tejada, Larry Bigbie and Robert Machado also homered for Baltimore.

Twins 5, Tigers 4 (10): Jacque Jones homered and drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th inning.

Justin Morneau also homered for the Twins, who swept the two-game series in Detroit after losing six of their previous seven games.

Rangers 6, White Sox 4: Rod Barajas broke a tie with a two-run double, and Gary Matthews Jr. homered in the eighth inning at Ameriquest Field in Arlington to give Texas its fifth win in six games.

Chicago got home runs from Paul Konerko, Jose Valdes Jr. and Mark Lee and dropped out of first place in the AL Central, a half-game behind Minnesota.

Pujols' power trip

His three HRs boost Cards to improbable win at Wrigley

By RICK GANO

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Albert Pujols winked his approval at a ninth-inning hit-and-run sign and then drove the ball the opposite way — into the right-field basket for his third homer of the game.

Pujols' standout performance on a sticky day at Wrigley Field brought the St. Louis Cardinals back from a six-run deficit and staggered the rival Chicago Cubs in their final meeting this season.

"It's one of those days you never forget," Pujols said after an improbable 11-8 victory. "It was the first time I've hit three home runs and it came at the right time."

For the Cubs, though, the timing couldn't have been worse. It's a defeat they might have trouble getting over, especially after scoring seven runs in the second inning and leading 8-2 after five innings.

"It's a very devastating and tough loss," manager Dusty Baker said.

Pujols went 5-for-5 with a double and five RBIs, and the Cardinals increased their NL Central lead to 10 games over the third-place Cubs. St. Louis won the season series 11-8.

"This is extra special right here," Pujols said. "You're play-



Cubs reliever LaTroy Hawkins, center, is held back by manager Dusty Baker, right, after being ejected Tuesday by home plate umpire Tim Tschida, foreground. Hawkins was angered by Tschida's strike zone.

ing against your rival. I don't think we ever thought we were going to have a lead like this."

After Matt Morris threw a ball behind Chicago's Corey Patterson in the first — the aftermath of a near scuffle the night before — the Cubs jumped on the pitcher for seven runs in the second.

But the sizable lead melted and so did the Cubs' composure.

Reliever LaTroy Hawkins, who gave up Pujols' go-ahead homer, was ejected after he yelled at home plate umpire Tim Tschida as he walked toward the dugout.

An angry Hawkins had to be restrained by Baker and several coaches from going at Tschida.

"I talked to him like a man at first and it didn't work. You think I'm going to hit him? I'm not going to hit him," Hawkins said.

In 2002, when Hawkins was with the Twins, Tschida ejected him from a game in a disagreement about the positioning of the reliever's chair in the bullpen.

Tschida said the previous disagreement had no bearing on their argument Tuesday over the location of pitches in the ninth, adding that he never felt threatened by Hawkins' attempts to get at him.

After Pujols' two-run homer broke an 8-8 tie, Reggie Sanders added a solo shot. Jason Iraheta retired Aramis Ramirez on a shallow fly with the bases loaded to end it, getting his 24th save.

Pujols had an RBI double in the first, hit his 25th homer in the third off Chicago starter Glendon Rusch, No. 26 in the seventh off

Kyle Farnsworth and then his 27th in the ninth.

"We've seen it before, but this is on a big stage in a big game," Morris said.

So Taguchi's homer off Farnsworth in the eighth tied the game 8-8.

"I guess at this point it looks like maybe it's good we're not playing them anymore," Baker said. "Hopefully we'll see them in October when we'll be playing better baseball... I'm not conceding nothing right now. They got a 10-game lead. We got a big mountain to climb, but we can overcome it."

The benches emptied Monday

when fiery Cubs starter Carlos Zambrano hit Jim Edmonds with pitches twice and was ejected.

So Morris sent an early message to the Cubs with his pitch before Patterson.

"I had to stick up for my team, get the warning out early," Morris said. "It was a little bit of a slip, but I didn't let it slip too far."

Derrek Lee and Michael Barrett had two-run homers in Chicago's seven-run second. Ramirez hit a solo shot off Cal Eldred in the third.

Note: Mark Prior threw a five-inning simulated game with out pain in his elbow and hopes to rejoin Chicago's rotation Sunday in Philadelphia.

Phillies regain share of first after edging Braves

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Bobby Abreu's RBI single in the 10th inning capped Philadelphia's 30th come-from-behind win of the season.

A 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves that pulled the Phillies back into a first-place tie in the NL East on Tuesday night.

The Phillies rallied for two unearned runs in the eighth, ruining another strong outing by Atlanta starter Jarret Wright.

In the 10th, Jimmy Rollins led off with a single against Antonio Alfonseca (5-4) and stole second. Chase Utley put down a bunt in front of the plate, but catcher Eddie Perez bobbed the ball to leave runners at first and third.

Sam McConnell took over for Alfonseca, but Abreu managed a single up the middle to give Philadelphia the lead. Shortstop Rafael Furcal, playing in trying to cut off a run at the plate, dove for the ball but only managed to deflect it just beyond the infield dirt.

One night after the Braves took sole possession of the NL East lead for the first time this season, Philadelphia bounced back to earn a split of the two-game series and reclaim a share of the top spot.

The Phillies led all NL teams in come-from-behind wins.

"This was a game we definitely needed," Perez-Phillips manager Larry Bowa said. "It was a two-game swing."

Tim Lincecum (3-3) earned the win with a



Atlanta's Andrew Jones is forced out at home on Tuesday as Philadelphia catcher Mike Lieberthal makes the play.

scoreless inning.

In the ninth, Billy Wagner allowed singles to Andrew Jones and Eli Marrero. Mark De Rosa bunted them over and Wagner walked Rafael Furcal to load the bases. Jones was forced at the plate on Marcus Giles' grounder to third and J.D. Drew lined out to first base, giving Wagner his 15th save.

"I'd like to go out 1-2-3 every time," Wagner said. "But they did a good job of getting one back. They put me in a situation where I had to make pitches. It was fun."

Giles hit a two-run homer in the first inning, and Jones added a solo shot in the seventh that pushed the Braves to a 3-1 lead.

Wright went seven innings, allowing just four hits and a run, but could only watch as the Phillies bounced back in the eighth.

Furcal bobbled a grounder trying to turn a double play and didn't get anyone out. Philadelphia took advantage, tying the game on Thome's sacrifice fly and David Bell's two-out, run-scoring single.

Wright hasn't lost since May 22, going 5-0 with six no-decisions during that span. But his record (7-5) would be much better if the bullpen had done a better job of protecting leads.

"After something like that, you've got to forget about it as quick as you can," Wright said. "We have been playing good baseball. We had them on their heels. We just couldn't finish on the right side."

J.D. Drew doubled in the first, stretching his hitting streak to 17 games.

In other NL games on Tuesday:

Pirates 2, Expos 1: Rookie Sean Burnett (4-2) limited Montreal to one run in seven innings to beat the Expos for the second straight time and Rob Mackowiak hit a two-run homer.

The Pirates won their 11th in 12 home games, but dropped the season series to the Expos for a third consecutive season.

Marlins 9, Mets 7: Miguel Cabrera homered and drove in three runs, and Florida won in New York despite blowing an early six-run lead.

Mike Piazza sprained his left wrist when Juan Pierre ran into him and was reached for a wide throw at first base in the second inning. X-rays were negative and he was to

be re-evaluated.

Dodgers 7, Astros 5: Adrian Beltre hit his 25th homer and drove in three runs, leading Los Angeles to its eighth straight win.

The Dodgers have won 14 of 15 and eight consecutive road games, something they haven't done since June 1982. Los Angeles moved a season-high 16 games above .500.

Eric Gagne got four outs for his 27th save in 28 chances.

Giants 3, Diamondbacks 1: In Phoenix, Jerome Williams (9-6) outpitched Randy Johnson (10-8), allowing four hits over seven-plus innings.

Barry Bonds returned to the lineup and was 1-for-4 with a double and an RBI for the Giants, who won for the seventh time in nine games.

The Diamondbacks are winless since the All-Star break and 2-14 under manager Al Pedrique. Arizona has lost 27 of 32 since mid-June.

Johnson (10-8) allowed two earned runs over seven innings with a walk and six strikeouts.

Padres 9, Rockies 7: Ryan Klesko homered and drove in three runs at Denver, Khalil Greene had a homer and two RBIs, and Adam Eaton (5-8) avoided being ejected for the first pitch since 1976 to lose to an opponent four times in a season.

Reds 6, Brewers 2: Brandon Clausen gave up two runs and five hits in seven innings in his long-awaited NL debut, and Jason Romano's first homer lifted host Cincinnati to a two-game sweep.

Season-ending knee injury makes minor leaguer's slam not so grand

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

Tagg Bozied could hardly wait to get home. Rounding the bases, he saw his Triple-A Portland teammates gathering, waiting to celebrate his game-winning grand slam in the bottom of the ninth.

"It was probably the coolest moment I've had on a baseball field," the San Diego Padres' prospect said. Then suddenly, agony.

Because as Bozied jumped for joy at the plate, just like the big leaguers do, he felt his left knee give way Monday night. He blacked out before landing and when he came to, there was no doubt: He was done for the year.

"It was real scary. I saw my kneecap pushed up into my quadriceps. I thought my career was over," Bozied said Tuesday in a telephone interview from Oregon.

"To go from hitting a walkoff home run to being wheeled off the field in an ambulance, it's unbelievable," he said. "Guys were hitting me on the helmet, kicking me, congratulating me, and I was down in the dugout. Then one of them saw the look in my eyes and realized I wasn't kidding, that it was serious."

Talk about adding injury to insult. Bozied ruptured a tendon upon takeoff after the 8.5 Pacific Coast League win over Tacoma. He was to fly to San Diego later Tuesday and have an MRI on Wednesday.

Surgery is likely this week and he'll be sidelined for six months. Doctors told him he's expected to be back for spring training.

Bizarre injuries during celebrations are rare, yet not unique.

Kicker Bill Gramatica tore a knee ligament while jumping after a 42-yard field goal for the Arizona Cardinals late in the 2001 season, and was lost for the year. Washington quarterback Gus Fretz tore a ligament in his neck when he celebrated a touchdown run by headbutting a padded concrete wall in 1997.

Minnesota infielder Denny Hocking injured his hand when a teammate stepped on it during a final-out pileup in the first round of the 2002 play-

offs, and was out for the ALCS.

"It's a tragic thing," Tagg said, his manager, Craig Colbert. "It's something you see every day — a winning home run, teammates waiting for him, a guy jumps up and hits home plate."

"But not this time," the former San Francisco catcher said. "It is something that I wish I'd never been a part of."

A third-round pick by the Padres in the June 2002 draft, Bozied was enjoying his best year as a pro despite missing six weeks earlier this season because of a hamstring injury.

The first baseman hit .315 with 16 home runs and 58 RBIs in 57 games for the Beavers. In 2002, he led all Padres minor leaguers with 24 homers while splitting the season at Class A and Double-A.

Bozied, who turns 25 on Saturday, had been honored before the game as the PCL's Batter of the Week.

Popular with the home crowd, the Beavers had scheduled a Tagg Bozied bob-and-lechee doll night for Aug. 21. Now, a "Get Well" banner will be put up at PGE Park for fans to sign.

Bozied's slam came after an intentional walk with one out loaded the bases. He launched a shot to left-center field and tried to keep his emotions in check as he headed toward home.

"I was keeping it in. I saw the guys running in from the backstop, everyone was there at the plate. I was saving it," he said.

Instead, he said, "I felt like my leg got shot off. There was no pain, I couldn't feel anything. That's the last thing I remember. The next thing I knew, I was lying on the ground and the guys were on top of me."

The crowd of 2,982 that had been cheering wildly after the Beavers' sixth straight win went silent, as did the music blaring over the stadium sound system. An ambulance took Bozied to a hospital.

Despite what happened, Bozied said he wasn't being too harsh on himself.

"I mean, I don't think I was doing anything crazy or dangerous. You just can't explain things like this," he said. "But I'll tell you one thing: If I ever get lucky enough to hit another game-winning home run, I am definitely not jumping on home plate."

Selig: NL could keep All-Star Game in '07

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Baseball might abandon its long-standing policy of alternating All-Star sites between National League and American League cities and awarded the 2007 game to another NL city, Commissioner Bud Selig said Tuesday.

Minutes after officially announcing Pittsburgh would host its second All-Star Game in 12 years in 2006, Selig said he expects to reveal the 2007, 2008 and 2009 sites later this summer.

With San Francisco, Arizona, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and San Diego all playing in new or relatively new ballparks and St. Louis to follow in 2006, one NL city would have to wait until 2018 for an All-Star Game should baseball stay with its traditional but no-longer mandatory rotation.

By contrast, only the refurbished Anaheim Angels ballpark and Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg won't have been All-Star sites among the newer AL parks, once Detroit stages the 2005 game.

"I don't believe that (the rotation) is as important as it used to be," Selig said. "I think the important thing is to try to be fair. In a perfect world, you would alternate NL and AL, but it's more important to reward franchises, I think, that really need to have the game because of their venue. There are so many great new ballparks, and that's the nice part."

Phoenix and San Francisco also wanted the 2006 game, which was awarded to Pittsburgh partly to pump up the Pirates' slumping attendance. Their average crowd has dropped by 10,000 a game since PNC Park opened in 2001, even though the riverfront ballpark is widely regarded as one of baseball's best venues.

Mets recall top prospect

NEW YORK — The New York Mets recalled third baseman David Wright, the team's top prospect, from Triple-A Norfolk late Tuesday night.

Wright is expected to be in the



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starting lineup for Wednesday's game against Montreal.

The move was made after first baseman Mike Piazza sprained his left wrist in a collision at first base with Juan Pierre in the second inning of a 9-7 loss to Florida on Tuesday.

X-rays were negative, and Piazza will be re-evaluated Wednesday.

RHP Brown makes rehab start

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The New York Yankees' Kevin Brown allowed two runs on five hits in four innings Tuesday night in a rehabilitation start at Triple-A Columbus.

Brown has been on the 15-day DL since June 10 with a lower back strain. He allowed one hit in each of the first two innings before allowing a two-run homer to Henri Stanley in the third.

Earlier Tuesday, the Yankees organized left-hander Alex Gramma to Columbus and recalled reliever Scott Proctor.

Braggs opt for free agency

DENVER — San Diego Padres outfielder Darren Bragg opted for free agency after being sent down Tuesday to Triple-A Portland.

The Padres sent Bragg down after receiving shortstop Rich Aurilia in a trade Monday with Seattle.

Bragg batted .143 and scored two runs in nine games after signing as a free agent with the Padres on July 4.

Benoit on bereavement list

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas Rangers right-hander Joaquin Benoit was placed on the bereavement list Tuesday so he could return to the Dominican Republic after the death of his grandmother.

The Rangers recalled right-hander Nick Regilio from Triple-A Oklahoma to fill Benoit's spot on the roster.

MLB denies Pirates to play in San Juan

BY ALAN ROBINSON
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Pirates won't be asked to shift any home games to Puerto Rico next season despite the popularity of Hall of Famer Roberto Clemente's former team there, Commissioner Bud Selig said Tuesday.

Selig denied that his office would ask the Pirates to play one series in San Juan in 2005 to partly make up for the Montreal Expos' expected absence. The Expos scheduled 22 home games in Puerto Rico each of the last two seasons as they prepare to relocate to a new home.

Any possibility of a Pirates return visit probably ended when the Expos and Pirates drew four-figure crowds for each game of a four-game series July 8-11.

"As far as our experiment with Puerto Rico, it was pretty much done this year, at least for a while," Selig said.

The Expos averaged only 10,333 for their 22 games in San Juan this season — about half what the Pirates draw in Pittsburgh — compared to the 14,222 they averaged for the same number of games in 2003.

Selig would consider going back to Puerto Rico only if a team

asked to play there, and team spokesman Jim Trudinen said the Pirates have made no such request.

The Pirates expect their attendance to jump next season as fans buy season tickets in anticipation of landing seats to the 2006 All-Star Game, so they have no plans of asking any home games to be moved.

The Pirates remain one of Puerto Rico's favorite teams because of Clemente's continued popularity there. Clemente was a star outfielder for the Pirates from 1955-72 before dying in a plane crash during an earthquake relief mission to Nicaragua on Dec. 31, 1972.

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Messages of Support

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you give me everyday. I wish you success in protecting our freedom and securing freedom for the Iraqi people. I am just an average American citizen (32 y/o, white, male, working professional). But, I will try to do more each day here to support you all over there. Stay strong and always remember that someone back in the U.S. is thinking of you and appreciates your bravery. God's speed!! Charles Luke. U.S. citizen

NCAA Council seeks recruiting alterations

By JON KRAWCZYNSKI

The Associated Press

Under new rules designed to take the "celebrity" out of the recruiting race, colleges will no longer be able to put recruits on private jets, house them in resort hotels or feed them extravagant meals.

The NCAA Management Council concluded a two-day meeting in Baltimore on Tuesday and will forward the recommendations to the organization's board of directors for emergency approval Aug. 5.

The council also agreed to advance a package of proposals from the National Association of Basketball Coaches that focus on recruiting, retaining and graduating Division I players.

The package includes granting players five years of eligibility, allowing coaches to talk with players outside the traditional player-coach environment and hold tryouts to evaluate prospects.

The package will be examined by member schools, with an initial vote expected in January 2005 and a final vote in April.

The recruiting recommendations call for colleges and universities to use commercial airlines and coach airfares to fly athletes to campus, lodge them in "standard" accommodations and serve them reasonable meals.

"It's intended to do away with the celebrity, the sense of entitlement, for a prospect," said David Best, NCAA vice president and chair of the recruiting task force.

The new rules, which would be in place for the upcoming academic year, also ban schools from giving recruits rides in vehicles not used for other prospective students. Schools would also be prevented from handing out personalized jerseys or using audio/video scoreboard presentations featuring the player.

The new rules will also require each school to adopt a written policy outlining the guidelines for official visits prohibiting the use of alcohol, drugs, sex and gambling in recruiting. The presidents or chancellors must approve the policies and submit them for their conference officials by Dec. 1.

Davies leads Evian Masters

The Associated Press

EVIAN, France — British veteran Laura Davies made an eagle and seven birdies and shot 8-under-par 64 on Wednesday to take the first-round lead of the \$2.57 million Evian Masters.

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World No. 1 Annika Sorenstam shot 66 and was in second place with Lynette Brooky and Mara Prieto. U.S. Women's Open winner Meg Mallon and 14-year-old Michelle Wie carded 71s, finishing the opening round tied for 25th.

Davies said watching last week's British Open up close as a TV commentator had allowed her to glean tips for her game.

"It was watching the guys play last week that really helped me today," said Davies, who longest birdie putt was only 12 feet. "Their rhythm, just how easy they hit the ball. I picked something up about tempo and kept it in mind here."

"If I keep putting like I did today I've got a chance to win this thing."



Michelle Wie, derailed by a double-bogey on the 12th hole Wednesday, shot 1-under 71 and trails the leader by seven shots.

In sunny, windless conditions, Sorenstam had seven birdies, four on the front. Her lone bogey was on the 10th, where she missed a 4-foot par putt.

"It's a great start," the Swede said. "I had a real good feel today and hit solid right from the start."

"The greens are holding well and you can really fire at the pins. Plus, there's no real roll on the fairways so you won't run into the rough."

Several hundred spectators followed Wie, who had an up-and-down day. She made 18- and 9-foot birdie putts on Nos. 1 and 8, but hooked a 7-iron shot out of bounds on the 12th for double-bogey. She also made a three-putt bogey on the 14th.

"I don't care about what the score or my position is," she said. "I'm just happy to have made so many good putts today for par."

V. Williams rolls in Calif.

CARSON, Calif. — Venus Williams overhauled Ashley Harkleroad 6-2, 6-1 Tuesday night in the second round of the JPMorgan Chase Open.

Williams, the No. 2 seed, hit powerful groundstrokes throughout the 50-minute match that sent Harkleroad scrambling behind the baseline.

"She's a good player," Williams said of Harkleroad. "She's very consistent, she moves well and she's solid. It's important to go out and force the issue, which I did today. If I can just go out and overpower somebody, it can be intimidating."

French Open finalist and No. 4 seed Elena Dementieva defeated qualifier Lilia Osterloh 6-4, 6-2 to become the first of the top eight seeded players to advance through the second round of the \$585,000 tournament.

Top-seeded Serena Williams and three-time tournament champion Lindsay Davenport begin play Wednesday.

Gators suspend two football players for season opener

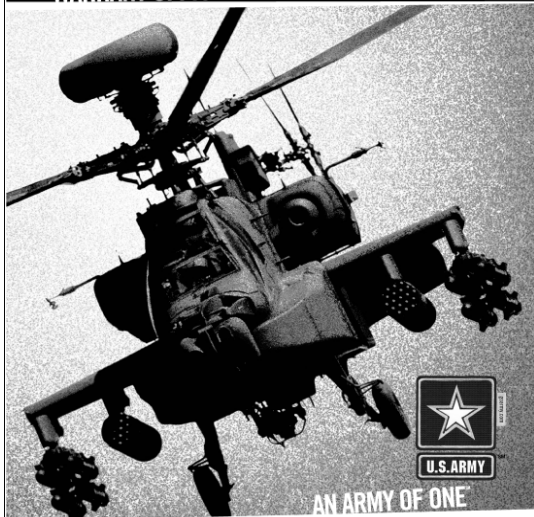
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida suspended linebacker Channing Crowder and safety Jarvis Herring for the season opener after both were arrested for scuffling with police outside a local nightclub earlier this summer, the school said Tuesday.

The Gators open the 2004 season at home against Middle Tennessee on Sept. 4.

Crowder, the SEC Freshman Defensive Player of the Year, was charged with disorderly conduct after he got into a loud argument outside The Palace nightclub, a Gainesville police report said.

Herring, who played in 11 games last season, was charged with resisting or obstructing without violence.

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Owners, union ready to resume labor talks

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Hoping to stave off the second lockout in 11 seasons, the NHL and the players' association were scheduled to meet Wednesday to resume negotiations on a collective bargaining agreement.

The current deal, extended twice since it was signed in 1995, expires Sept. 15. If a new agreement isn't reached by then, a lockout that could threaten the entire season is expected to be imposed.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman has vowed on behalf of the owners to work out a deal with the union that will radically change the financial landscape of the league. He is determined to make sure the percentage of revenues paid in player salaries is sliced, and to establish "cost certainty" for clubs.

An economic study commissioned by the NHL found that players get 76 percent of all league revenues — about 20 percent more than the percentage for other major team sports.



Samsonov re-signs with Bruins; Nilsson, Halpern stay put

The Boston Bruins re-signed star wing Sergei Samsonov on Tuesday while the Calgary Flames agreed to terms with Marcus Nilsson, locking up one of their key players from this spring's playoff run.

Samsonov, limited to 66 games (22 goals, 29 assists) the past two seasons by injuries, agreed to a one-year, \$3.65 million offer.

Nilsson had 11 goals and 13 assists in 83 games with Florida and Calgary last season. The defensive-minded forward finished fourth in playoff scoring for the Flames with 11 points in 26 games.

Also on Tuesday, the Washington Capitals re-signed center Jeff Halpern to a one-year deal. He was the Capitals' leading scorer last season with 19 goals and 27 assists. Terms of the deal were not announced.

O'Neal makes grand entrance

New franchise player arrives, promises Miami an NBA title

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal weighs 340 pounds, and he's hungry.

He wants to show the NBA that the Los Angeles Lakers kept the wrong All-Star. He plans to do it by leading the Miami Heat to a championship.

O'Neal made a grand entrance Tuesday at a rally welcoming him to Miami. He arrived in a semi-tractor trailer with the words "Diesel Power" on the side, emerged from the cab firing a plastic water cannon at the crowd of several thousand, then followed a red carpet up the steps to the Heat's arena.

Once at the top, he pledged that an even bigger celebration is in the future.

"I'm going to bring a championship to Miami," O'Neal told the fans. "I promise."

At a news conference that followed, O'Neal spoke little about his differences with Kobe Bryant and Lakers management that triggered the trade. He said he appreciates the way he has been embraced in Miami.

"I told my wife when I was rolling up, I felt like the president," he said. O'Neal then hummed "Hail to the Chief."

The rally came six days after the Heat acquired the 11-time All-Star in a trade that sent three starters to Los Angeles. Such festivities might seem premature to some cities, but Miami loves celebrities — and winners.

Heat President Pat Riley remembers the sellout crowd the attendance-challenged Florida Marlins drew for last year's World Series, and he anticipates the same kind of box-office boost from O'Neal, especially if he leads the Heat to their first title.

"We have definitely been blessed," Riley said. "Someone he found his way down here to Miami — the most talented, most dominant player in the world."

The first game is still 3½ months away, but O'Neal already is the most entertaining act in town, and he never went without a quip.

■ On buying a home in South Florida: "I will be walking naked on the beach, not the one I'm naked on the beach, don't sell them to the Enquirer unless I



Shaquille O'Neal, who was greeted by a frenzied crowd in Miami on Tuesday, sees himself as the catalyst that can propel the Heat to an NBA championship. Miami was eliminated in the second round last season.

get 15 percent."

■ On being 32 years old: "I'm like toilet paper, toothpaste and certain amenities — I'm proven to be good. I've still got five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10 years left."

■ On his weight: "I play my best ball at 345. I need my meat, because I'm going to take a beating. If you put a guy in front of me who eats salad and cucumber and baked chicken all day, I'll kill him."

O'Neal referred to himself as "the Millennium Goliath," but even the world's most dominant player will need help transforming the Heat into champions.

They've lost the entire front line from a team that went 42-40 last season and made an improbable run to the second round of the playoffs. O'Neal offered to help Riley recruit free agents to fill the roster openings created by the departure of center Brian Grant and

forwards Caron Butler and Lamar Odom to the Lakers.

O'Neal is happy to join a team that includes guard Eddie Jones, Miami's top scorer the past four years, and guard Dwyane Wade, a standout last season as a rookie.

"They could have easily been in the Eastern Conference championships," O'Neal said. "They're one or two pieces away. And you've got a big piece now."

Sixers trade Snow to Cavaliers

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — With a big contract and without a starting spot, point guard Eric Snow became expendable in Philadelphia.

Snow will likely find himself in the same situation this season, only in Cleveland after he was traded by the 76ers to the Cavaliers on Tuesday for guards Kevin Ollie and Kendrick Brown.

Snow spent 6½ seasons with the 76ers, averaging 9.7 points and 6.5 assists while helping them to the 2001 Eastern Conference championship.

"I'm excited and thankful," Snow said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I'm going to a team that wanted me, and wanted me to be the player I am. Cleveland is a nice, young team that is hoping to go to the playoffs, and hopefully I can come and help them accomplish that goal."

Sacramento signs longtime Jazz center Ostarag

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Center Greg Ostarag signed with the Sacramento Kings on Tuesday, leaving the Utah Jazz after nine seasons.

He signed with Sacramento on the same day center Vladi Divac left the Kings to rejoin the Los Angeles Lakers. Terms of Ostarag's



deal weren't immediately available.

Ostarag averaged 5.1 points, 5.9 rebounds and 1.85 blocks during his career with the Jazz, who made him a first-round draft pick in 1995. He played in two NBA Finals with Utah in 1997 and 1998.

In Sacramento, Ostarag will back up All-Star center Brad Miller and forward Chris Webber. The Kings once had one of the NBA's deepest frontcourts, but Divac, Scott Pollard, Keon Clark, Tony Massenburg and Hedo Turkoglu have departed in the last year.

Golden State swaps Van Exel for Davis, Dickau

OAKLAND, Calif. — The Golden State Warriors traded point guard Nick Van Exel to the Portland Trail Blazers on Tuesday for forward Dale Davis and guard Dan Dickau.

Van Exel was injured for much of his only season with the Warriors, who acquired him from Dallas last summer in a trade involving Antawn Jamison. He averaged 12.6 points while playing just 39 games, leaving the team

for good shortly after the All-Star break with a knee injury.

Portland will be the fifth NBA team for Van Exel, whose future with Golden State probably ended when the Warriors signed point guard Derek Fisher to a six-year, \$37 million contract last week.

The Warriors also have Speedy Claxton under contract for next season.

Van Exel will make approximately \$12 million next season. He has been a dependable scorer and playmaker throughout his career, and the Trail Blazers could use him at both guard positions.

Walker hired as Hornets assistant

NEW ORLEANS — Former NBA player and coach Darrell Walker was hired Wednesday as an assistant to New Orleans Hornets coach Byron Scott.

Walker played 10 years in the NBA and had short stints as head coach of the Toronto Raptors and Washington Wizards. He has been in the Wizards' front office as player personnel director or scout the past four years.

Walker led the Raptors to a 30-52 record in 1996-97. He resigned Feb. 13, 1998, with an overall record of 41-90. Early in 2000 he became Washington's interim coach and went 15-23. Walker also coached in the CBA and WNBA.

HOF guard Robertson named interim coach at Cincinnati

The Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Oscar Robertson, Cincinnati's greatest player, will serve as the Bearcats' interim head coach until Bob Huggins returns from suspension Aug. 27.

The Hall of Famer replaces Dan Peters, who left Cincinnati on Tuesday to become an assistant coach at Ohio State.

"I appreciate Oscar's willingness to step up for his university and its basketball program," athletic director Bob Geis said in a statement. "He provides a wonderful opportunity for our young men to learn from a great basketball player and a leader in the business and the community."

Geis said Robertson has agreed to provide oversight and meet with players on a regular basis, as well as provide counseling on their academic responsibilities. Robertson will not have any off-campus recruiting duties, but will be allowed to participate in on-campus recruiting as permitted under NCAA rules, Geis said.

Robertson said in the statement released by the school that he considers it a great honor and opportunity to work for the school he played for from 1957-60.

"I will do whatever I can to help develop these young men for their futures on and off the court," he said.

Robertson could not be reached for comment Tuesday night.

Robertson, The Associated Press' player of the year in 1959 and '60, still holds Cincinnati records for points and rebounds.

Robertson played 14 seasons in the NBA for the Cincinnati Royals and Milwaukee Bucks. He made the All-Star team 12 times.

Huggins has been suspended for a drunken driving conviction.

Huggins, who began a new three-year contract July 1, was placed on paid, indefinite suspension June 12, following his arrest for driving under the influence.

The 50-year-old pleaded no contest, was fined \$350 and given a suspended six-month jail sentence that required him to attend a three-day education course.



Stars: Timing, performance factors for standout Olympians

STARS, FROM BACK PAGE

Stacy Dragila in track and field, or Jenny Thompson in swimming?

Name game

"There's no telling who'll be the star," said Detroit-based agent Shep Goldberg, whose two major clients happen to be two of the most enduring Olympic celebrities — Mary Lou Retton and Michelle Kwan. So what makes a Retton or Kwan stand out from the plentiful collection of U.S. medalists?

"Obviously, the accomplishment plays a large part," Goldberg said. "And if they're well-grounded, seen as regular people, don't take what they've done too seriously and don't let the whole thing envelop them, or let the celebrity change them. It's not just being a gold medalist that catches the public's fancy."

And, by extension, the market-er's fancy.

Generally, sports marketing experts agree, the predictors of long-term Olympic fame are performance; having a story (in some cases, a gimmick — what if former Texas triple jumper Chris Hercules had made the U.S. team and won gold in Greece?); timing; participation in the higher-visibility sports such as gymnastics, swimming or track, and staying on stage via multiple events or more than one Olympic cycle.

Athens possibilities, then: Kueperts and Patterson combine back-from-devastating-injury-to-championship-form tales with the built-in affection NBC has for gymnastics — particularly women's gymnastics.

Having paid \$793 million for the rights to televise 1,210 hours of the Games (both on network and cable partnerships, compared to 441 hours in 2000), NBC's power to shape Olympic headlines is almost tripled just since Sydney. And the U.S. women's gymnastics team appears poised to take advantage of that, going to Greece as the reigning world champions.

Besides Phelps, swimming will present Coughlin, potentially a triple gold medalist and well-spoken Cal-Berkeley graduate who missed last year's world championships because of a frightening, undiagnosed fever.

And there is Thompson, in her fourth Olympics at 31, on sabbatical from medical school, recovering emotionally from her mother's death from cancer in February, already a winner of more gold medals (eight) than any U.S. woman — but all of them in Russia. She still seeks an individual Olympic victory.

Dragila represents women of strength and experience in the pole vault, one of the more popular events in Sydney, and is caught in an extended taffy-pull for the world record with two Russians.

Greene's appeal is the near-clin-

ched swagger of being the World's Fastest Human, back from a broken leg suffered in a motorcycle accident. But his race, the 100 meters, keeps him in the spotlight barely 10 seconds, and the spreading steroid scandal in his sport, particularly among sprinters, is not helpful.

Others could flash, up close and personal, into American living rooms: softball pitcher Jennie Finch, rower Jason Read, whose job as emergency medical technician and firefighter made him a first responder on 9/11, and Brooklyn fencer Keith Smart.

The ideal candidate for special Olympic status, in the judgment of Rich Kenan, former middle distance runner and director of marketing for Boston-based Global Athletics & Marketing, Inc., "is a potential contender (who comes through with the gold), wearing the colors of red, white and blue, performing above all expectations and, upon reaching the victory stand, is exciting and emotional."



Alan Webb will attempt to become the first U.S. man to medal in the 1,500 meters since 1968.

Then again, Kwan has hit the Olympic star jackpot despite two Winter Olympics disappointments — one silver and one bronze medal.

Goldberg believes Kwan's place in the Olympic pantheon of heroes is due to Kwan's career accomplishments — five world figure-skating titles — combined with an appealing accessibility.

"She let people know she hurt when she lost," Goldberg said. "It was real. At the end of the day, she was herself."

Personality plus

Obviously, there is no manufacturing personality, which explains the likes of Retton and wrestler Rulon Gardner, with whom Goldberg also briefly worked. "Mary Lou has this natural bubbly-ness and approachability," Goldberg said. "I can't tell you how many people have said to me, 'Is Mary Lou as nice as she seems?' Same thing with Michelle."

With Rulon, he's incredibly honest, very straightforward, doesn't take his celebrity seriously.

With an established name, Gardner is one who has a head start on Athens. But, because the Olympics, unlike other major spectator sports with their long seasons, is a mini-series with a relatively tiny window of athlete exposure opening briefly every fourth year, the need to identify new stars is a major business.

Especially now, when Marion Jones, so central a character in Sydney, suddenly diminished. "If I were USA Track & Field," Global Athletics president Mark Wetmore said, "I would talk about Alan Webb every chance I get."

Webb's rollicking 1,500-meter victory to conclude the track trials here Sunday revived the hubbub over his news-making high school mile record of three years ago, which surpassed a hallowed 36-year-old standard set by householder name Jim Ryun. Still only 21, Webb is a fresh face in a high-profile Olympic sport, a regular and approachable chap who signs autographs minutes before his races, confident but respectful of his opponents.

If he should win gold, he wouldn't be just another NFL quarterback or baseball All-Star. "Olympic athletes come up, like Sarah," Goldberg said. "She was fresh and it was a nice story. People come along; they're not in your face every day. The Olympic magic."

That magic is one reason NBC shelled out \$793 million.

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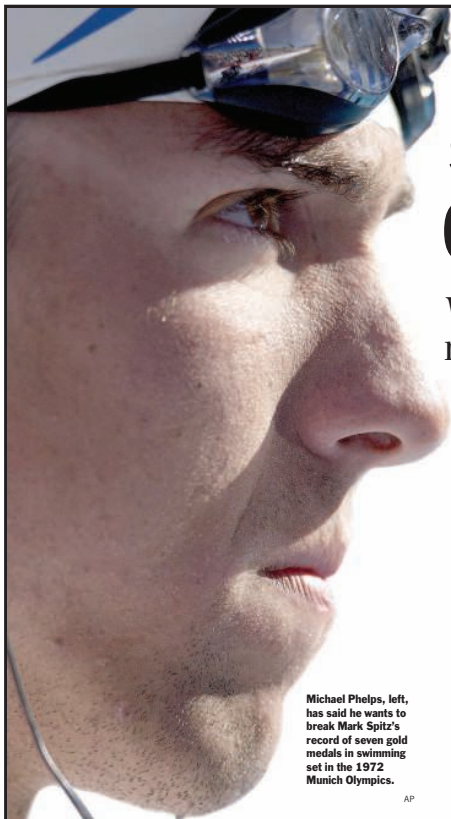
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Michael Phelps, left, has said he wants to break Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals in swimming set in the 1972 Munich Olympics.

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Reality TV: searching for Olympic stars

Who will emerge as fan favorites, media darlings in Athens Games?

BY JOHN JEANSONNE

Newsday

Several key indicators in various just-completed Olympic trials suggest a U.S. star recession in next month's Athens Olympics. Now that Marion Jones has lost much of her golden-girl shine — going 1-for-3 in track trials events and burdened by unsettling relationships — there appear to be precious few Americans for NBC-TV and Madison Avenue to wrap their arms around.

A clear exception is 19-year-old swimmer Michael Phelps, whose pursuit of as many as eight medals will create a sort of underwater reality show in the Games, played out over several dramatic days.

Phelps' sport, his smashing athletic deeds — world records in four events — and his compelling multi-medal attempt all place him high in the pecking order for producing Olympic celebrity. Plus, the giant sports marketing firm Octagon is working hard to package Phelps as the fellow who can bring wider attention to swimming.

But it hardly is clear that Phelps, polite but not particularly spontaneous in public settings, will go beyond athletically awesome to personally embraceable in the American consciousness.

Though he obviously is worthy of being compared to Mark Spitz, Phelps' star quickly could dim should he fall short of Spitz's 1972 seven-gold-medal record.

So if not Phelps, then who? Fresh faces such as gymnasts Courtney Kupets or Carly Patterson, swimming's Natalie Coughlin, track's Alan Webb? Olympic veterans Maurice Greene or

SACRAMENTO, Calif.



Courtney Kupets, who finished first in the U.S. trials and has a chance of winning the all-around title in women's gymnastics, is an Olympian a year after rupturing her left Achilles' tendon.

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